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## TRO on casino license extended

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued Friday an order extending the temporary restraining order he earlier issued that stops Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, the Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary from either denying or approving a casino license.

In a one-page order, Wiseman said he finds it necessary for good cause to extend the expiration date of the TRO, which presently expires on June 29, 2014, until the court's further order. He did not elaborate.

Wiseman issued the TRO on Thursday after casino applicant Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. filed a lawsuit and requested a TRO, saying it will be irreparable.

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## \$40M solar energy PPA now underway

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REPORTER

An alternative source of energy in the form of solar panels is expected to become a familiar sight on the islands after the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. disclosed that a contract for an up to \$40-million solar energy project is underway.

In a presentation to the CUC board of directors last week, American Capital Energy representative Tom Anderson disclosed that the company was awarded

» **CUC, contractor finalizing deal**

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### ON RELEASE OF PENSION CHECKS, OTHER RELIEF

Governor: It's now a question of 'if', not 'when'



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Concerned citizen Leila Staffler points to a stack of papers containing the signatures of over 3,000 individuals wanting to place a casino question on the ballot to directly involve voters in deciding whether they want a casino on Saipan or not, during a Senate session on Capitol Hill Friday afternoon.

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REPORTER

With a delay in the passage of a repeal and re-enact casino bill, an extended temporary restraining order on a Saipan casino license decision, two other lawsuits and refer-

endum petitions beyond the administration's control, Gov.

Eloy S. Inos said the release of retirees' deferred 25 percent pension checks, among other things, is a matter of "if" not "when." He said



timelines are being pushed back.

He also belied Marianas Stars' accusation that pension checks to restore retirees' deferred 25 percent benefits have already been cut prior to a casino license grant.

"We shouldn't be playing

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### THE FACE OF SPEECH AND DEBATE ON SAIPAN

## Easton earns First Diamond Award

By THOMAS MANGLONA II  
CORRESPONDENT

Long-time Marianas High School teacher Harold Easton joined other weathered National Speech and Debate Association coaches in accepting the prestigious First Dia-

mond Award. Easton received the award at the recent national speech and debate competition in Overland Park, Kansas, where he accompanied dozens of students from the CNMI who participated in the annual speech competition.



Easton

According to National Speech and Debate Association officials, the First Diamond Award recognizes a professional career that encompasses excellence and longevity. The league provides the award to a coach who attains 1,500 points.

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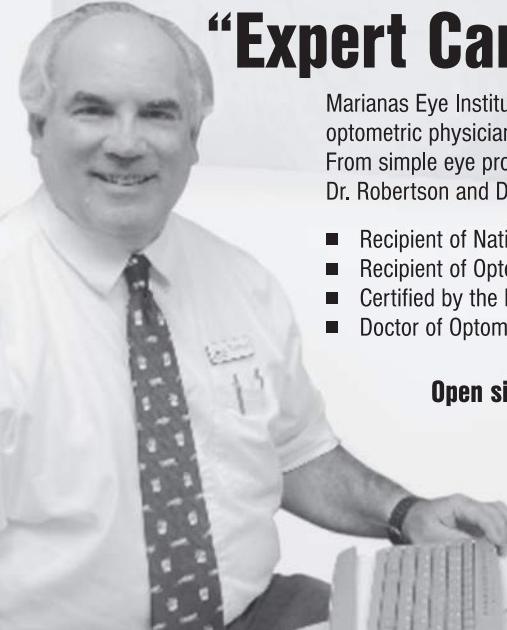
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## IN QUICHOCHO'S LAWSUIT VS CASINO LAW

# 'Public interest is not served by preventing casino law process'

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman agrees with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI

government that public interest would not be served by granting attorney Ramon K. Quichocho's motion for preliminary injunction that seeks to prevent the government from performing any rights and/or obligations under the casino law pending the resolution of his lawsuit.

In an order Friday that denied Quichocho's motion, Wiseman said that granting the preliminary injunction at this stage would actually harm the public interest in that any chance of remedying the current fiscal crisis will be chased away from the initial vetting process, and the entire casino project—"albeit how contrived the laws conceiving it may be—will be dead in the water before its fiscal viability is demonstrated."

Wiseman acknowledged and agreed with Quichocho that there is a general public interest in enjoining improper expenditures and preventing the incidental effects of corruption and government officials exceeding the scope of the authority vested in them.

The judge, however, stated that the public interest will be better served by refusing to stop the review process as it stands now, allowing the process to further proceed, and addressing Quichocho's legal arguments and factual allegations as the present case progresses through its evolution—which may end in a monetary judgment deemed adequate to address Quichocho's concerns.

Wiseman stressed the possibility of rendering a monetary judgment in the form of compensatory damages for Quichocho.

Wiseman agreed with Inos and the government insofar as Quichocho, to date, has only claimed monetary loss as the irreparable harm to support his motion, and "unsupported allegations to some harrowing injury to the people of the CNMI through purportedly displaced allocations of public funds."

Wiseman said the real injury Quichocho claims is the \$400,000 to be spent to hire the consultants to investigate the applicants.

Wiseman said this amount may be compensated in the form of compensatory damages as part of the ultimate disposition of the case, and thus no preliminary injunction is necessary at this stage.

Thus, the judge said, he finds that the first factor—threat of irreparable harm—does not weigh in favor of granting Quichocho's motion for a preliminary injunction at this point.

In his motion, Quichocho claims that "unless enjoined

and restrained by the court, defendants' wrongful acts and conducts will cause...immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage because the CNMI's health, safety, and wellbeing will continue to be compromised and jeopardized, as the [CNMI's resources] are diverted to fund an illegal contract."

Quichocho further argues that there is no adequate remedy at law for the injuries suffered and may continue to be suffered because it will be impossible to determine the precise amount of damage in terms of the safety, health, and well-being lost.

Inos, the CNMI government, and the Lottery Commission, through the Office of the Attorney General, argue that Quichocho merely requests relief for monetary harm, specifically the \$400,000 alleged to be spent on the contracts presented, and that the lawyer only alleges conclusory and unsupported harms to CNMI citizens by way of being unable to pay for vital care at the CNMI's only hospital, without presenting any evidence that the money alleged to be spent on the various contracts would otherwise be appropriated to the hospital.

Last June 12, Wiseman issued a two-page order that denied Quichocho's motion for preliminary injunction. Wiseman said a more detailed decision shall be forthcoming.

The hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction was held on May 30, 2014. Quichocho appeared for himself. Assistant attorney general David Lohabay appeared for the CNMI government and for Inos in his official capacity. Assistant attorneys general Reena Patel and Teresita Sablan represented the governor in his personal capacity and for the Lottery Commission, respectively.

Quichocho filed the lawsuit for himself and on behalf of the CNMI taxpayers, challenging the constitutionality of the casino law.

He is suing Inos, the CNMI government, and the Lottery Commission for alleged violation of the CNMI Constitution, illegal expenditure of public funds, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of trust.

Quichocho asked the court to issue a judgment declaring the casino law and any expenditure of public funds under that law unconstitutional and unlawful.

Quichocho argued, among other things, that the Commonwealth Casino Commission and not the Lottery Commission is the sole authority to expend the \$2 million in non-refundable application fees.

## BEST SUNSHINE'S COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CNMI

In its response to the Request for Proposal for Casino Resort Developer License, Best Sunshine introduced its plans to create a Community Chest with an initial contribution of

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## USCIS urges July start to renew CW permits expiring on Dec. 31

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is encouraging CNMI employers to start in July the application for renewals of CW permits expiring on Dec. 31, 2014, to prevent gaps in employment authorization. USCIS supervisory public affairs officer Marie Thérèse Sebrechts said Friday that the 240-day grace period is "only a proposal at this time."

Sebrechts, who was on Saipan on Friday, said employers can petition for renewal six months prior to the CW permit's expiration.

Many of the CW permits are expiring on Dec. 31, the supposed date of the end of the transitional CW program. U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez recently extended the CW program by five years or up to 2019. This allows the CNMI continued access to some 10,000 foreign workers, among other things.

"Right now the 240-day grace period is a proposal. You don't want anybody to fall out of status because if they do and that proposal isn't finished, they have to stop working and they're no longer in lawful status. So that's the problem," she said.

At the same time, Sebrechts

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the exclusive right to negotiate a solar power purchase agreement with CUC in 2011. The firm wanted to install up to 10,000 kW on Saipan and Rota, the size of which was subsequently supported by a November 2013 Renewable Energy Integration Study.

The target kilowatt-hour is equivalent to 10 megawatts and the project cost is estimated at \$35 million to \$40 million.

The company has identified 10 potential sites for the solar panels: Koblerville Road, Pendan St., Kagman Road, Chacha Road, Pale Arnold and Patitida Road, Navy Hill Road, Old CUC site, old Puerto Rico dump, As Matuis Drive, As Perdido Road, and Niyok Road.

In terms of financing, Anderson disclosed that the project is a third-party-owned PPA with CUC, which will cost \$0.179 cents/kWh for energy delivered to the CUC grid.

ACE is guaranteeing delivery of a minimum of 75 percent of expected delivery amount.

Under the CUC-ACE power purchase arrangement, the project poses low-risk to CUC because the ACE-Saipan project team will bear the vast majority of the financial risk and the company will finance the project while CUC pays only for energy produced and delivered to the CUC distribution system.

"CUC wants to save money with the prospect of eventually sharing realized savings with the rate payers, while at the same time help the community achieve its renewable energy

said USCIS is "already looking at and discussing what the next step would be" concerning the paroles-in-place granted to immediate relatives of U.S. citizens. USCIS granted 1,102 of such paroles, expiring on Dec. 31, 2014.

USCIS, she said, has also started discussing the 2015 cap on the number of CW permits. The agency had to wait for the U.S. Labor secretary's decision "because there would have been no cap if the program ends Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>."

"If you look at the decisions that were made in the past couple of years, they were made according to CNRA, taking into account the economic situation here and making sure there are enough CW slots to not jeopardize the economic growth here," Sebrechts said.

Three pending bills in U.S. Congress also seek to address CNMI immigration issues including extension of the E-2C investor program, extension of the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applicants beyond 2014, and extension of the CNMI and Guam's exemption from the national H visa cap. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

goals," according to Anderson's presentation, adding that the company wants to generate positive cashflow to pay back finance partners and make a return on investment. It also wants to grow its reputation as a go-to renewable energy solutions provider, according to Anderson.

### \$1.5M savings to CUC per year

The expected total capacity output is 13.5 million kWh per year, Anderson said, with anticipated energy cost savings to CUC. At present, diesel fuel prices cost per kWh generated at the CUC power plants is \$0.30/kWh (based on the Renewable Energy Integration Study).

"Every kWh delivered by the PV arrays will eliminate the need for a kWh of diesel generated energy, resulting in a per kWh cost savings of \$0.121/kWh. Assuming 13,500,000 kWh/year, CUC's estimated energy cost savings will be \$1,500,000 per year," according to Anderson.

He added that integrated ramp-rate control technology (batteries and/or ultra-capacitors) will result in the delivery of more energy and reduce the need for ramp rate diesel production, yielding even greater savings to CUC.

During Thursday's meeting, the CUC board gave the go signal to CUC management to "move forward" and finalize the contract with ACE, with consideration that the planned 10MW capacity be built on Saipan (8MW) and Rota (2MW).

Depending on the approval of CUC, the company is looking at building the project within 46 months.

## EASTON

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The points come from one-tenth of the points procured by the coach's students over the years.

Humbled by the award, Easton said it is not an acknowledgment of himself but of his students.

"This demonstrates a lot of hard work of the students from Marianas High School who have been doing speech events," he said. "I continue to coach speech and debate because it is worthwhile, it is just that simple. It also gives students focus on public speaking and is an important part of their education."

This is the first time for a speech coach from the CNMI to

receive the award.

Easton currently serves as the program coordinator and board chair for the high school, junior high school, and grade school forensic leagues. He has been involved in the league for over a decade now.

When he is not spending late nights preparing lesson plans for the classes he teaches, he can be seen working long hours on campus with students as Thespians troupe director, Glee Club adviser, and Chorale Singing Club adviser. Easton also sits on the board of directors of the Friends of the Arts program and teaches business, drama, speech, and show choir at MHS, Saipan's oldest and largest school.

Mount Carmel School speech coach Filmah Buenaflor said,

"Mr. Easton is truly the core of speech competitions on Saipan. He will always be appreciated by the students and coaches."

Although Easton is seen as the face of the forensic league on island, a great majority of his students said he is also the heart of the entire forensic league family.

Katrina Punzalan, a veteran forensic league competitor and Saipan Southern High School student, described Easton as "motivating, encouraging, and a great coach."

"He definitely deserves the award," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

MHS student Masrur Alam expressed similar sentiments. "Mr. Easton is the most hard-working teacher in my school and shows us that he is passionate about what he does. He helps

everyone without complaint."

Fellow Marianas High School coach Dencio V. Manglona said he remembers the first time Easton greeted him with an echoing voice when he was a competitor for the Declaration speech competition in junior high school.

"Since that time I've had the honor to witness him continue his work tirelessly throughout the years, outpacing the coaches and students that learned, experienced, and grew as his students at MHS and through his various involvements in the community," he said.

Easton now joins a pool of other decorated coaches who have dedicated a large amount of their time and energy to molding students in speech and debate.

ceive the governor's SOCA.

## Casino Commission

Meanwhile, Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) said last night that the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's ad-hoc committee is currently reviewing the governor's three Saipan appointees to the Casino Commission, which will regulate the casino industry.

Among the latest developments, he said, is ensuring that all prior results of Senate confirmation hearings and decision on the same nominees should be attached to the ad-hoc committee's report.

He cited Casino Commission appointee Alvaro Santos, whose previous re-appointment to the Marianas Public Land Trust board of trustees was rejected by the Senate.

Tebuteb also said another Casino Commission appointee, former senator Maria Frica Pangalinan, is also serving on the MPLT board.

"Under the law, an individual is not supposed to serve on two boards or commissions," Tebuteb said.

The ad-hoc committee's report, once finalized, will be presented to the whole Saipan delegation for action whether to confirm or reject the Casino Commission appointees.

have the casino license issued to it even before the casino law was passed."

Frink asked the court to enter an injunction before the TRO's expiration, stopping the defendants from issuing a casino license unless and until all aspects of the casino law are first complied with, such as the Casino Commission's required involvement in the applicant investigation and the issuance of regulations.

Marianas Stars Entertainment and Best Sunshine International are both seeking an exclusive Saipan casino resort developer license. Each had already submitted a \$1-million nonrefundable application fee, a completed application, a business plan, and a \$30-million refundable deposit.

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games with this kind of stuff," he said.

When pressed whether the claim of pre-cut deferred pension checks is true, Inos said, "It's a lie."

"I'm not too sure now if it's really a question of 'when'... it's still going to be an 'if.' The reason for that is the bill that is supposed to repeal and reenact did not [get placed on calendar]. It has to go back to the committee. And so the committee would have to deliberate, bring it back to the floor and so until you went past that process. I still don't know if it will ever happen, and so there's just so many distractions and for many reasons," he told reporters on Friday.

These distractions, he said, include those political in nature. He also acknowledged the wish of individuals who want to place the Saipan question on the ballot once again.

Voters twice rejected Saipan casino before.

Inos said it's important that "we deliberate and debate these issues because a lot of people are looking for these types of assistance," he said.

He was referring to retirees

waiting for their deferred 25-percent pension check restored, those waiting payment of interest on retirement contributions that were withdrawn last year and relief from high utility rates. Casino revenues were supposed to be the funding source for all these.

Leila Staffler, a concerned citizen, addressed senators on Friday afternoon, asking them to offer a floor amendment to the repeal and reenact bill once it comes to the Senate specifically "to allow for the referendum to take its course."

Staffler said she's speaking on behalf of more than 3,000 voters who wanted to have a direct voice on the casino issue in the November elections. She said these voters are concerned that the repeal and reenact bill is proposing "cosmetic changes" while at the same time has the potential to nullify the referendum petition.

"And by nullifying these signatures, it would appear that you're trying to circumvent the referendum process and I hope that is not what's going to happen," Staffler told senators.

### Surprised

The governor said he was surprised to know that Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.

strated that the TRO will not ultimately injure the ability of Inos, the Lottery Commission, the Finance secretary, and the CNMI government to issue a casino license if this order is issued by mistake since an injunction hearing can be set and heard in advance of the Lottery Commission's stated July 1, 2014, deadline to issue a casino license.

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Casino Commission, which does not exist in a practical sense because no commissioners have yet been approved to serve, and according to adopted regulations.

In granting the TRO, Wiseman said Star Marianas Entertainment's claims appear to be founded in fact and the law.

In Star Marianas Entertainment's petition for administrative appeal, taxpayer's action, and complaint, Frink said the Lottery Commission has already been warned it is breaking the law by spending Casino Commission funds and usurping Casino Commission authority, yet it continues to press ahead to illegally issue a casino license to Best Sunshine International Ltd., the entity "which was apparently preordained to

have the casino license issued to it even before the casino law was passed."

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rably harmed if the TRO is not issued pending the resolution of its case.

Marianas Stars Entertainment's motion for injunctive relief will be heard on July 1, 2014, at 1:30pm.

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## CEO optimistic on hospital's recertification

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Despite ongoing challenges faced by the healthcare corporation, CEO Esther L. Muña expressed optimism in the recertification of the public hospital, whose fate will be decided this week by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

CMS has three options for the Commonwealth Health Center: reaffirm its certification; revoke it; or provide an extension. A decision is anticipated on Friday, June 27.

The federal health agency early this year delayed taking action on CHC's Condition of Participation pending the resolution of the remaining nine citations slapped by CMS. There

were originally 13. The corporation later turned in a corrective action plan, but it was told to re-submit one with more documentation.

On Friday, Muña said the revised corrective action plan has yet to be accepted by Medicare. The document, she said, may be considered or accepted on or before June 27, depending on CMS' will.

"I am very optimistic compared to before [on our recertification]," she told *Saipan Tribune*, citing assurances that CHCC is in constant communication with CMS on every step the agency takes.

According to her, Medicare has been emphasizing that

there's a need to be held accountable and take responsibility for everything at the corporation.

"And that's what we assured CMS. This corporation has a person who is responsible for everything and accountable

to make sure that plans will continue and there's close monitoring," said Muña,

adding that the goal of the agency is to avert the termination of the hospital's certification.

As to whether CMS will send somebody to the island to announce its decision, Muña said she doesn't know, adding that all visits and resurvey of the federal team are unannounced.

Muña also conveyed her

willingness to work with the CHCC board of trustees, which earlier slapped her with a no-confidence vote.

The Office of Attorney General recently issued a determination that the CHCC board's authority under Public Law 16-51 is merely advisory on practically all matters pertaining to the corporation.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos recently met with the trustees to talk about the issues surrounding the agency. Inos later said a resolution to many of the issues raised is forthcoming.

On Friday, Muña said she is willing to collaborate with the board, provided "boundaries" are clear. She described herself as "not vindictive" and whatever happened between her and the board is "not personal."

### » Conveys willingness to work with board of trustees

On June 2, Muña appointed Jack Taisague as the corporation's chief financial officer—a position that has long been vacant and the subject of criticisms against the management.

Muña told *Saipan Tribune* that Taisague has been given 11 deliverables, including accurate financial statements and rev-

ue cycle management.

"I tasked the CFO to come up with financial statements that is understandable for everybody because there have been criticisms on the financial statements and I want that clarified," said Muña.

According to the CEO, Taisague's contract provides for a 60-day probationary period.

## Man gets 30-day prison term for choking wife

A man who choked his wife in front of their children pleaded guilty on Thursday and was slapped with a 30-day prison term.

Phaibun Pomdi, 39, pleaded guilty to assault and battery (domestic violence) and disturbing the peace as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced Pomdi to a year and six months in prison, all suspended except for 30 days, to be served with no possibility of parole.

Pomdi was given credit for four days of time served. He will be placed on probation for 18 months.

Naraja allowed Pomdi to serve the prison term during weekends.

Pomdi was also ordered to pay a \$25 court cost, \$500

fine to be converted to community service, and \$160 probation fees.

As part of the plea deal, the Office of the Attorney General dropped the assault with a dangerous weapon charge.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Pomdi grabbed his wife's neck, choked her, and pushed her in the presence of their two minor children on June 23, 2013, on Saipan.

Police stated that the couple, along with their children, had just arrived home in San Antonio at 9pm after visiting her in-laws when the incident happened. Pomdi allegedly took a knife and beat up his wife. Pomdi finally let go of his wife when she cried and told him that their two children were watching. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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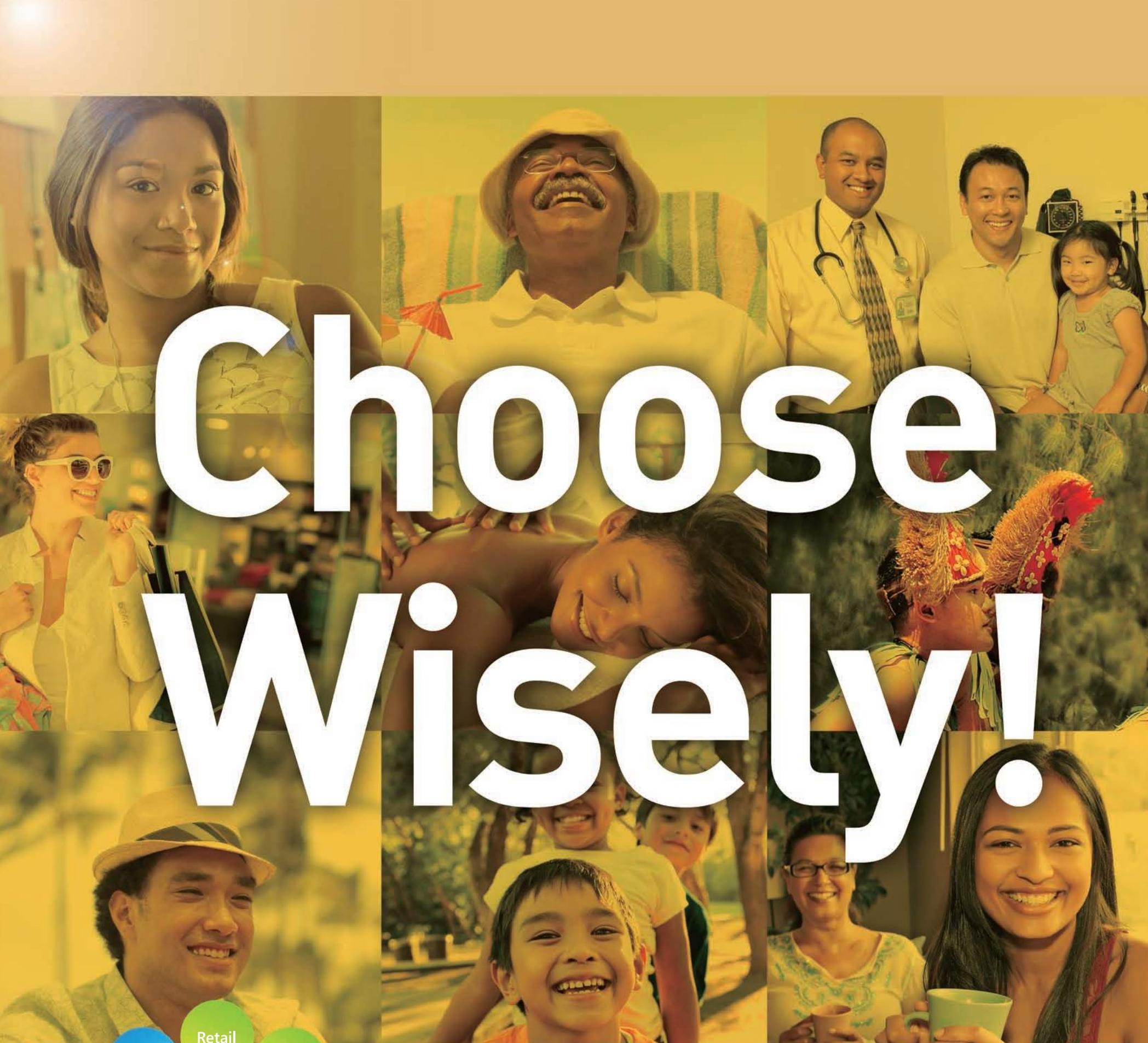


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# Proudly saluting after 70 years

By STAFF SGT. KYLE RICHARDSON  
U.S. ARMY PACIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

**SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Island**—Current service members, World War II veterans, and community leaders honored the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Saipan by attending a parade and a wreath-laying commemoration ceremony held at American Memorial Park on Saipan on June 15.

Nearly 400 people attended the parade and ceremony where six of the last few surviving U.S. and Japanese veterans gave speeches about their experiences 70 years ago.

With the liberation of Saipan from Japan, the U.S. commonwealth territory became a strategic stronghold for American forces in the Pacific region. The newly liberated country helped to strengthen the American defenses and Saipan's location



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Carl Matthews, a World War II veteran, shows a little spirit and points at the crowd as his car stops at the review stand at the end of a parade honoring the World War II veterans as a part of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Saipan, June 15. Matthews served with the 9th Marine Heavy Artillery Troop during the Battle of Saipan. The 70th anniversary may mark the last commemoration ceremony of the Saipan Battle due to the age and health of the World War II veterans.

proved to be vital to America's offensive campaign during World War II.

Howard Johnson, who started his military career with the Merchant Marines before trans-

ferring into the Army, said he landed on the beaches of Saipan around 8am on June 15, 1944. He described the scene of the beach as utter chaos and his only thought was to survive.

"There was no time to think about what I've gotten myself into," said Johnson, now a 96-year-old World War II veteran. "Back then, we didn't think twice about what we did. There were a handful of us that were drafted, but most of us were volunteers. There was a word we used back then and it was called patriotism. We loved America, so we wanted to defend and support it so we could stay a free nation. I was always proud to be a part of that. Nobody enjoys war, but we felt that we had the obligation to defend our nation. All the American men and women tried to do that during World War II."

The commemoration ceremony for the Battle of Saipan is held every 10 years; however, Vicente Camacho, director of Veteran Affairs on Saipan, says this will possibly be the last ceremony held based on the age and condition of the surviving veterans.

"As soldiers, as public servants, we should remember where we come from," said Camacho. "As a 24-year Army veteran, I was brought up, if you don't live through it, you don't feel it. We only see photos and video clips from back then, we weren't there, but it's our duty to remember and honor their sacrifices for our nation."

The ceremony holds a significance in the lives of the surviving veterans. Most of the surviving World War II veterans were in their teens when they arrived on Saipan. This is Johnson's first trip back in 67 years, while Yoshio Ideguchi, an 88-year-old former Japanese sailor from Nasushiobara-Tochigi Prefecture, Japan, has made 30 trips to pay homage to the 36,000 fallen U.S. and Japanese warriors.

While the 70th anniversary may possibly mark the last official ceremony, Camacho said the veterans' sacrifices and memories will continue to live through the peace and strengthening relationship fostered between the U.S. and Japan.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**June 23, 2006**

### Micro Games is here!

After months of anticipation, organizers, athletes, and officials will finally get to see the fruit of all their hard work and training as the 6th Micronesian Games opens today at the Oleai Sports Complex. Over 1,300 delegates from Pohnpei, Chuuk, Palau, the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Guam, Yap, Kosrae, and the CNMI will parade onto the track and field oval in front of thousands of spectators to kick off 10 days of not only competition but celebration of sports in Micronesia. The ceremony will be highlighted by a number of events such as a military flyby, the lighting of the Games torch by CNMI's Xenavee J. Torwal, who has won 22 gold medals in the Micro Games, as well as cultural performances and entertainment by local groups.

### CNMI delegation meets with Cape Air, Continental

To stop a planned flight suspension to Rota, a CNMI delegation consisting of representatives from the ports authority, tourism, and government flew to Guam yesterday and met with Continental Micronesia and Cape Air officials. The delegation includes Rota Mayor Joseph Inos, Sen. Paul A. Manglona, CPA consultant Carlos H. Salas, CPA executive director Reno Celis, CPA board chairman Antonio Camacho, and Marianas Visitors Authority board member Ed Maratita. Salas in a phone interview yesterday said the meeting has been "very positive."

**June 23, 2007**

### Legislature arrives at budget cut compromise

The two houses of the Legislature have finally agreed on how to address the \$30-million reduction in this fiscal year's budget. The House of Representatives yesterday accepted the amendments made by the Senate to House Bill 15-265, which sets a plan for adjusting agencies' budgets based on the new spending limit of \$163.5 million. With the Senate and the House in agreement, the bill can now be sent to the governor for his approval. Antonio Muna, the governor's assistant for management and budget, said he would recommend it to the governor to sign the measure.

### \$300M hotel, villa complex breaks ground

A Korean-owned investor yesterday broke ground at the future site of a \$300-million hotel and villa complex in San Antonio. The KSA Group of Korea will undertake the first new hotel construction on Saipan in many years. The project, which will be called Island Paradise Hotel, will feature 300 rooms and 55 villas. With a pool each, the villas are aimed at honeymooners and couples. Construction is expected to begin in two months, or as soon as regulatory agencies grant necessary permits.

**June 23, 2008**

### Garment industry in free fall

Once the lifeblood of a brief and controversial economic boom several years ago, the Commonwealth's garment manufacturing sector is now in a "free fall" due to a host of rising business costs, according to a statement issued yesterday by a key adviser to Gov. Benigno Fitial. Federal mandates to boost the local minimum wage are the primary cause of garment factory closures over the last 18 months, the statement says. "It's a sad state of affairs that one of the CNMI's two major industries is almost removed from Saipan, where mainland politics must be factored into the cost of doing business," said Richard Pierce, the governor's trade and economics adviser, in the June 22 statement. "It'll be very interesting to see how mainland politicians' ideas on how to manage the CNMI's guest worker program and visitor entry will affect the other major industry: tourism."

### Ex-NMI scholars owe govt over \$4M

The CNMI government is owed over \$4 million by former scholars, the CNMI Scholarship Office has revealed in view of a bill allowing certain financial aid recipients to forbear payments on their student loans. "It is very sad to know that over 4 million dollars is owed back to the government from people who have defaulted and no one takes that seriously. This government is in no position to be freely giving out money," said Merissa S. Rasa, administrator of the Scholarship Office. Lawmakers are currently considering legislation to forbear scholarship payments for returning students who cannot find jobs in the Commonwealth for either of two reasons: the government is not hiring, or a private sector job they have applied for is filled by foreign national worker.

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**DO YOU CARE WHETHER THE CNMI GETS THE MONEY IT NEEDS TO HELP RETIREES, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND EVERYONE ELSE?** If the people choose casino gaming on Saipan, MARIANAS STARS respectfully requests that the following proposal be considered: Don't just award one license, award two—assuming each applicant meets the qualifications. Take the current plan for one 2,000-room mega-resort and split it into two 1,000-room resorts. But keep the fees the same for each licensee, so that the CNMI gets a total of \$30 million per year from the two licensees rather than just \$15 million from one. Each applicant will get half a loaf, but the CNMI will get twice the revenue for the retirees. For health care. For schools. For infrastructure. For everyone. Healthy competition will create greater prosperity and greater accountability. More importantly, a non-monopoly assures the integrity of the process, removing any suspicion that legislation was rushed, or designed, for any one bidder.

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## EDITORIAL

### American leadership long overdue to stop extremist advance in Middle East

**W**atching the whirlwind of violence sweep across Iraq, most Americans would doubtless prefer to leave Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his countrymen to face their fate alone rather than have the United States bail them out.

That's not merely a reflection of the public's fatigue with Iraq, but rather the cumulative impact of waging a decade-long war alongside a government that repeatedly proved unwilling to make the sacrifices and compromises necessary to establish political stability and harmony. If Americans are in no mood to extend help to Iraq, they have ample reason:

■ Al-Maliki and his Shia majority brought this on themselves by playing sectarian politics instead of being inclusive. That's why Iraq's Sunni soldiers fled the battlefield last week rather than fight.

■ Al-Maliki's government refused to make a deal allowing a residual U.S. force to remain in Iraq in exchange for a grant of sovereign immunity, a minimal demand from President Obama. Any administration would have required the same.

All good reasons to stay out of it—if only we could.

The renewed conflict in Iraq is part of the larger war for control of the Middle East. So is the war in Syria, the catalyst that has drawn militant fighters into the area and sparked the wider conflagration. A victory for militants in Iraq would shift the balance of the region in their favor, as well as create a safe haven for terrorists eager to wreak havoc in Europe and the United States.

The Obama administration has no choice but to deny power to the Islamic militants because they are a direct threat to our own country, even if it means propping up al-Maliki's underving government. But it cannot do so unless the president gives his full attention to the problem and makes the case for commitment, short of sending combat troops to the region.

Greater U.S. involvement in Syria, an idea President Obama has resisted for too long, must be part of the effort. Earlier help for the moderate opposition might have made a big difference in the war to topple Bashar al Assad. There can be no solution for the region without draining this swamp.

Providing direct military help in Iraq is a requisite part of any effort, like it or not, but it must be properly planned and executed. Airstrikes could stop the extremist advance, but only with careful direction. They could do more harm than good if U.S. forces have no intelligence to guide the munitions to the proper targets.

Perhaps most important, the Obama administration must take an active leadership role to unite anti-extremist forces in the region. The Saudis, Jordanians, Turks and others are willing to help, but only the United States can convene all the parties and create a coherent strategy to defeat the militants.

That will not entail a short-term investment of time and effort. Solutions in the Middle East are neither painless nor cheap. Americans know that by now. But they also know that turning a blind eye to danger spots, as we once did in Afghanistan, invites disaster.

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### Hotel, motel, Patel

**T**he alliteration in our title was previously used as a slur at the number of Indian-descent proprietors of inns in North America who are from India. This was the case in Bonham, Texas' America's Best Value Inn where I was billeted not too long ago. I also found the phrase, "it takes a family to make a *dimsum*" true in the Canadian prairie in the '70s where the Chinese ran restaurants in small towns of mostly Scandinavian and Slavic descents.

My daughter and 6-year-old grandson took me last week to a riverboat ride in Chicago toward Chinatown when we passed a docked boat flying a Philippine flag in front of a semi-circular building that had international flags on its river front. International, multiethnic and interreligious qualities of American metropolis is foisting the possibility of both real diversity and, perhaps, even authentic integration, in the mosaic sense, of merged peoples and ethnicities from around the world.

Chinatown itself in the Southside of Chicago had workers and customers attired in veils and scarves, white kufis and black yarmulka, all in the same place. *Halal* and *Kosher* shops were not too far from each other, though I must confess that the *pinakbet* at the Pilipino store my daughter gets her meat barbecues and fresh fish left a lot to be desired on this Ilocano palate.

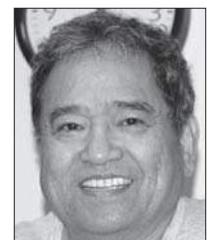
One of the gifts of the urban center is precisely the intentional setting of amicable presence and interchange between traditionally warring factions elsewhere. My chaplain brother was in a group of religious clerics who considered taking on the offer of the newly established City of Kapolei to build a singular religious structure with many fronts that would host religious groups and functions in the city. They never turned the offer into a groundbreaking event, but the intent was there.

While living in Uptown Chicago in the late '70s and early '80s, the local community college offered courses on 48 languages identified as spoken in the area. The new French market near the Chicago train station by Canal St. smells of various cuisine from former French colonies around the world, beyond the offerings of the old Latin quarters by the Seine. The aroma of French breads and pastries wafted us back to one August morning in Montmartre when we innocently shot our weeklong budget on a Middle Eastern hotel because tourists dominated the Arc de Triomphe and Paris that time of the year while the locals vacationed in the Cote d'Azur and visitors were scalped helpless to the bone.

In my daughter's home along the boundary line of Barrington and Palatine, Illinois, residents jog in the morning and I was pleased to hear Urdu spoken among their ranks. The restaurant where I was taken to lunch was named Kai Yee, easily an Anglicized "chao yi" or "qiao yi". Don't matter. Chinese, Koreans, Japanese, South and Southeast Asians numbered among the

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customers on the hour we were there. There were no quarrels on boundary lines, psychological and geographical. The distinct qualities of each did not disappear but they were not on each other's throat over differences.

Not so in some quarters. Delineated boundary is today's "conservative" agenda. Ukraine just received a suggestion from one of its billionaires to build a wall at the border of Russia and Ukraine; a task he estimated can be done in six months. This is meant to stem the flow of Russian armaments that arms the pro-Russian population of the Crimea and East Ukraine.

We are familiar with this perspective in the U.S. where NAFTA drew us to Canada but had us convinced that the dreaded Mexicans attracted their cousins all the way from Columbia and Ecuador through Panama, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Belize, and Guatemala to "surge" the border into California, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Ola! Why do you think we built the ineffective but expensive virtual border fence now staggered at the coast-to-coast Mexican-U.S. border?

China, Japan, and South Korea also haggle geographical boundaries, though the squabble in East Asia's continental shelf is clearly for the oil. But strict geographical boundary is the impulse to protect national sovereignty in a time when the very notion of nation-state, a hangover from colonial times, is very much in question.

At the personal level, psychological space is at a premium, and intellectual integrity sacrosanct. I just left three years of university where the "footnote" ruled (other people share my thoughts), and most intellectuals quoted sources to bolster their positions. In democracies, law is predicated on precedence, more often in favor of limits rather than possibilities.

It was in China that I read the story of the *Life of Pi*. The main character is Pi Patel and that's how the "Patel" from our title, previously used pejoratively, is now to me a brand of unique individual distinction worn with pride. My grandson's favorite game is Lego, constructing without instruction book and/or glue. The compassion in our time is to manifest the desire to see and hear individuals freely claim, "I am," finishing the sentence with the fullness of their existence.

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# Casino: Maximize revenue

In the calm of the evening, I'd sit at the lanai and listen to the sound of silence broken occasionally by gentle breeze and passing birds. Casino, specifically, its sustainability keep bouncing back into my mind.

Still a skeptic, though, on this issue. Have done sufficient research to understand why it is neither the lucrative nor the fiscal salvation here as promoted by paid peddlers of glitz and glamour. Haven't worked up the callousness to trash "Our Way of Life."

But it seems the trade winds have shifted on the bullish offer by both applicants to salvage various programs now at the edge of fiscal cliff: the promise of salvaging these programs from bankruptcy!

Meanwhile, Gov. Eulogio S. Inos refuses change his casino law to open it up to at least two licenses. A good number of legislators wanted some form of accommodation to maximize revenue generation. Give Marianas Star and Best Sunshine their licenses but leave two more slots. How do we know that there aren't others outside far more equipped with the financial wherewithal?

Still have that insightful intuition that nearby competition would annihilate our "instant soba" casino industry. Once the Osaka casino industry opens up six years from now, ours is history.

Where's our share of the wealthy players' market? It's known as "basic infrastructure," home town wealthy supporting the industry when the rich from without don't show up. Do we substitute it lining up NAP recipients to scaffold casino operations here? It's simple arithmetic, *lai! Dios mihu!*

But then admirable the bullish offer from the two applicants. If I may revise your list so we rally behind that juicy steak we've salivated for as combined simpletons and stray hungry dogs. They are:

- Pay up the Fund's \$779 million unfunded liability so it isn't sent into internment.
- Pay all cost associated with the blind implementation of Obamacare.
- Pay all increases to power bills sending the check to CUC.
- Pay all increases in food commodities and gasoline.
- Fund establishment of cyber classrooms Marianas-wide.
- Place all NAP recipients on meaningful jobs with entry-level

wage at \$7.50 an hour.

- Upgrade CHC's back-up system to tertiary level.
- Cover all medical referral cost between the NMI, Hawaii, and the Philippines.
- Annual Christmas Drop of at least \$1.5 million for happy campers Marianas-wide.

Don't blink at the foregoing recommendations. It's a good way to assimilating into the local community where you take it directly to the people. You do so without pit stops among political dinosaurs now nervously marching toward closing the page of their self-inflicted demise.

A commitment of this magnitude fosters trust from the permanent host. Give the two applicants their licenses but open it up to several more licenses. Maximize it!

## On sleepy politicians

A leadership guru said, "Everything rises and falls with leadership." How true, though, the guys are constantly caught sleeping on the switchboard failing to notice if it's a "rise" or "descend."

But I much prefer a billboard in Rio de Janeiro that declares, "When our politicians sleep, our nation moves forward." Eh, could we help each other ensure that the guys and gals are high on pot so these pearly isles could inch forward? Must move somewhere so we exit rock bottom, *lai. Dios mihu!*

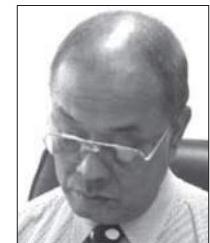
Realistically, however, casino could easily turn into a component of tourism if done right with transparency. But if greed has blinded normal vision of politicians then you know it's all about greed and power so far removed from the general interest of the public. No worries, let's join hands to ensure a statist or dictatorial government never takes root under a "government of laws."

I've probed lapses in leadership to understand the beast. Greed is the primary motive the elected and appointed elite has seen as their tool to move the needle of growth forward. Hell, if the needle of growth has a unidirectional journey—pockets of politicians—so where does the "will" of "we the people" fit on the radar only privy of fast growing political dinosaurs?

Indeed, not a single politician feels comfortable in a working relationship with the undersigned for a simple reason: I tell it like it is, come hell or high water. It's always nice driving home after work knowing the truth has set me free! The temptation to game the system is omnipotent. It remains your fiduciary duty, though, to protect the innocent, sticking resolutely to integrity.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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You see, our people aren't stupid! They know their issues from A-Z. Up front and center is the demand for transparency. In simple terms it's all about honesty and integrity. Isn't this the primary aspect you promised to uphold when you took your oath of office? Or did you change it on the way out for expensive luncheons, again, at our expense?

**Done that too!**

Have done this work as a gambling commissioner in 1979. Have dealt with real investment giants associated with the Howard Hughes Corp. out of HK. Back then there was hardly any competition from nearby that would wreck proposed casino investments some 35 years ago.

Why the redundancy of a lottery commission and a gaming commission? How about a single umbrella so we lessen the confusion? Hell, I'd be more than happy to serve as a commissioner. But the fees wouldn't be cheap either. It's very expensive! My fee is simple: Free of charge! Let's see you match this commitment for "we the people".

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### No, it can't be!

Does Article 12 impede economic development? Back in 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s the CNMI's economy was healthy and experiencing the upswing effect. Foreign investors were leasing private and public lands with no concern for Article 12. For almost 30 years of economic prosperity, the CNMI's economy started experiencing the downswing effect. Was it because of Article 12? No, it can't be! It was the indecisiveness and complacency of our elected leaders. Our elected leaders were forewarned that the garment industry will fold and leave the island because of change in quota policy by the WTO, making the CNMI no longer attractive for garment businesses. Our leaders failed to anticipate and plan for a replacement industry.

On or about early 2000, the CNMI was granted by the Chinese government the third tourist destination authorization for Chinese to vacation in the CNMI. The CNMI failed to capitalize on this destination authorization because it made entry into the CNMI difficult for the Chinese to vacation here. To date, over 100 destination authorization were granted by the Chinese government—a missed opportunity for the CNMI. Was it because Article 12? No, it can't

be! It was lack of foresight and poor decision-making by our leaders to take advantage of being the third to be granted the destination authorization.

Then Continental Airline pulled out from the CNMI and went to Guam. Was it because Article 12? No, it can't be! It was the failure of our leaders to strategically negotiate the airline's request to establish a hangar in the CNMI. It's another missed economic opportunity to the CNMI. There were other missed economic opportunities but definitely not because of Article 12. No, it can't be!

Citizen for Change Article 12 group is claiming that Article 12 is making it difficult for land owners to borrow from local banks. It is a deception because banks continue to loan and are accepting real property as collateral. If Article 12 impedes economic development, then why would two investors lease recently a private land in Marpi to develop into a mega resort? Why would investors be interested with the San Antonio public land prime property to develop into mega resort if they are concern about Article 12?

No, it can't be because of Article 12!

Since public land is collectively owned by Northern Marianas decent and the intent of our Article 12 is to improve the economic and livelihood of NMDs, then how can we as NMDs achieve such intent? My personal opinion is through economic land leveraging. Lease of public land should not compete with private land. If private land is not available, then public land will be an alternative but with

labor; it's about who can do the work. Half of my colleagues in Seattle are self-taught, and the CNMI has access to all of the same educational and technical resources.

We should be encouraging residents to start their own online companies. You would be surprised what you can do with a little experience in a niche market (like garment manufacturing) and creating an online application designed to service that industry. Even if you don't have a brilliant idea of your own, Web and mobile contracting is a large and growing industry. With so many multilingual residents, the CNMI has access to English, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and other international markets.

So, how do we turn the CNMI into a tech hub? Step one is by building skills and community. Some have already started by joining the Saipan Tech Collective ([fb.com/SaipanTech](http://fb.com/SaipanTech)) for mentorship and collaboration. Step two, we need a private or public angel fund to invest in early stage startups. Investing \$10K in 10 startups every year would result in incredible growth and provide an excellent op-

portunities requiring no less than 50 percent NMD employment opportunity at federal or local minimum wage, whichever is higher, and lessee should be required to maintain all improvements in good condition to prevent diminution in real property value.

For leases on public land that will expire, it should be strategically renegotiated to directly benefit NMDs. If lessee decides to continue leasing, then renegotiation should require no less than 50 percent NMD employment opportunity at federal or local minimum wage, whichever is greater, plus profit-sharing. The appraisal value of the real property should not be just on the public land but to include all improvements. The new lease should be renegotiated based on the total value of public land and improvements, where portion of this appraised value can be negotiated with the lessee to represent NMD's shares.

If lessee decides not to continue leasing, then land and improvements should return to land owners. An RFP can be issued to seek the most qualified operators with a profit-sharing scheme. Job opportunities will be created for NMDs and U.S. non-NMDs. Therefore, bringing back all of our people who left the CNMI for better job opportunities in Guam or the U.S. mainland. *Fan tachu taotao tano ya ta dimanda i direchu'-ta gi tano-ta!*

**Jesus Taisague**  
Koblerville, Saipan

portunity for the CNMI's current business leaders to reinvest in the local economy. Lastly, anything that would push the availability of high speed Internet access would greatly help the success of tech here. We need a pervasive 4G cellular network that offers access to even remote locations.

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**Alec Koumjian**  
Papago, Saipan

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast Wednesday.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast Wednesday.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°

## Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 80

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60	▼ 57
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90	▼ 70
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 79
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 55
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 54	▼ 48
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 75
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77	▼ 65
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 85	▼ 64
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76	▼ 55
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 65
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85	▼ 67
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 57
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 67	▼ 55
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 62
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲ 78	▼ 68
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90	▼ 68

## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

### Moonrise/Moonset

Saipan Harbor	Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Today	2:21 AM	3:16 PM
4:46 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet	Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
12:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet	Tuesday	3:07 AM	4:09 PM
7:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet	Wednesday	3:55 AM	5:01 PM
11:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	Thursday	4:44 AM	5:52 PM
				Friday	5:33 AM	6:41 PM

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# Speech teams conclude national competition with honors



Sixteen high school competitors representing the CNMI pose for a photo at the National Speech and Debate final rounds hosted at the Overland Park Convention Center.

By THOMAS MANGLONA II  
CORRESPONDENT

Sixteen high school student competitors of the CNMI National Speech and Debate Association successfully completed one week of back-to-back competitions against 4,000 students from around the globe in Overland Park, Kansas, last week. Event officials told *Saipan Tribune* that this was one of the most competitive tilts they have ever hosted.

Although jet-lagged and fatigued from daylong competition rounds, members of the team representing the islands placed in the top 50 percent of all the state representatives of other school districts.

Mount Carmel School's Soon Kwon made it to the quarterfinals in the story-telling category. Kwon, a graduating senior, placed in the top 30 in

the nation.

"Being in the top 30 people made my blood pump with excitement," Kwon said. "I tried my best to see how far I could end up. I hope to see more people make it in the future."

His speech coach, Filmah Buenaflor, said the caliber of students is extremely high. "To see our students from the island be able to compete at this level is academically profound," she added.

Other students who earned spots in the top percentage of speech competitors in the nation include Marianas Baptist Academy's Alina Ishikawa, who made it to round three and the top 200 in poetry reading; Saipan Southern High School's Devina Atalig, who made it to the third round of prose reading interpretation and the top 230 competitors; and Grace Christian Academy's Minna Ito, who placed in the top 125 in the ex-

pository speech category.

Fellow Grace Christian Academy student Yu Jin Lee qualified for round three of both prose and poetry reading, where she was among the top 230 student competitors in the nation.

Lee, a freshman, placed third overall in the nation in dramatic interpretation under the National Junior Forensic League last year. Her brother, Dong Ha Lee, was also a member of this year's national team.

Marianas High School's Jayrald Mercene advanced to round four in the poetry reading category, composed of the top 80 competitors in the nation.

Saipan Southern High School student Katrina Punzalan placed in the top 80 of students in the commentary extemporaneous category, while Marianas High School's Ann Margaret Norcio earned her

spot in the top 80 for prose reading.

MBA coach Gospel Trinidad said, "As a coach it was inspiring to see student's work come to life. Now that I have more experience, I can better train my students for next year."

At the end of the five-day tilt, students watched the final rounds at the Overland Park Convention Center, where they also met national champions and top officials of the association.

Another high school com-

petitor, MBA graduating senior Kanata Omori, told *Saipan Tribune* that the experience was "simply amazing."

"The best thing that's happened is the friendships I have made. From creating new ones with new people to strengthening ones with the people on the team. It's an experience I would love to re-do all over again," he said.

Fourteen junior high students also competed in the junior category of the national event in Kansas. There, two CNMI students made it to the top 25 student competitors in their respective categories.

Reica Ramirez, an MCS

student, and Esther Kim, from GCA, both made it to the quarterfinals in impromptu and poetry reading, respectively.

Ramirez said, "The experience was really fun and interesting." She added, "I learned a lot of new things that I can use in the future."

CNMI Speech and Debate Association board chair Harold Easton, who also received the first Diamond Coach Award (see related story on Page 1), said he is proud of all of the students.

"The accomplishments of the students is amazing. This is a worthwhile experience and a success, considering the huge number of competitors."



School coaches, front row, from left, Frank Lee Borja, Filmah Buenaflor, Celia Jang, and Gospel Trinidad. Back row, from left, Dencio V. Manglona and NFL board chair Harold Easton.



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# Inos proclaims June 22-28 CNMI Nurses Week

» CHC nursing workforce rises to 180

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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REPORTER

With over 180 nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center, the hospital's nursing workforce is now considered stable and within standard, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther L. Muna.

She conceded, though, that the hospital still needs more nurses but this is primarily due to the increasing number of patients at CHC.

Muna disclosed Friday that the corporation has over 180 nurses—a significant increase from over 160 in previous months. The growth is attributed to the newly absorbed graduates from both the Northern Marianas College's nursing program, the Nursing Assistants Program at the Saipan Southern High School, and a few local hires.

"We now have 180 onboard so I can say our ratio is stable for now, which means it's within U.S. standards. Nurses are very essential in the healthcare services we provide at CHC whether in prevention or treatment side," Muna told *Saipan Tribune*.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider, seated center, pose with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. staff and officials during a proclamation ceremony Friday at the hospital. The governor endorsed June 22-28 as CNMI Nurses Week.

On Friday, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider jointly proclaimed the week of June 22 to 28 as CNMI Nurses Week.

With the theme "Nurses Light the Way with Heart and Passion," both officials urged everyone in the Commonwealth to join in honoring nurses by celebrating their accomplishments and efforts to improve the healthcare system.

"Congratulations for an-

other year of good work! I know the corporation since its inception has been challenged by many issues but I know that the management is working very hard to make the necessary improvements and our administration is working closely with the CEO and everyone else," Inos told the crowd composed mostly of nurses at the public hospital.

Inos assured that his administration will continue to pro-

vide support for the hospital's workforce, whom he credited for taking good care of patients. He also recognized the pivotal role being played by nurses in private clinics.

According to Muña, CHCC—being the largest employer of nurses on island—fully recognizes the critical service provided by the nursing workforce in the effective delivery of quality healthcare. Because most nurses at CHC are off-island hires, she is encouraging U.S. citizens to pursue the nursing profession to augment the continuing and future needs of the only public hospital on island.

Muña said nurses deserve to be honored and celebrated for the many good things they are doing for the sick. She lauded the commitment and dedication of the workforce in fulfilling their duties despite challenges.

## Lineup of activities

CNMI Nursing Association vice president Jordan Danao shared the lineup of activities for the weeklong celebration.

Last Saturday, the association spearheaded the "Fun Run with Colors," which brought over 100 participants to the event that started at 6am involving the stretch from the Minatchom At-dao Pavilion to the Triple J Motors area.

Yesterday, June 22, nurses joined together in a mini-triathlon at Micro Beach beginning at 5:30am. Following this event was a special Mass held for CNMI Nurses at San Antonio Church. A whole-day sportsfest continued after the Mass.

An outreach program is slated this week where nurses will provide free health screenings at the Tuesday and Thursday markets at the Garapan Fishing

Base beginning at 4pm.

A convention is also lined up on June 28 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, scheduled from 8am through 12 noon.

The weeklong occasion will be capped by the traditional "Nurses Ball" to be held at Hard Rock Café beginning at 7pm.

According to Danao, this year marks the biggest membership in the CNMI Nursing Association, with 80 active members mostly from the public hospital.

After Friday's proclamation ceremony, Danao, a registered nurse, vowed that the association will continue to demonstrate professionalism in their jobs.

If there's one thing the association hopes for, Danao said it is to see an influx of more nurses to the islands in order to meet the demand for services in both public hospital and private health clinics.

In the proclamation, it was disclosed that the demand for nurses will be greater than ever because of the aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home care services.

**DPS officers trained in use of field test kits**

Department of Public Safety police officers were recently trained in the use of field testing kits. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent In-Charge for Guam conducted the training. It consisted of three sessions between Thursday, June 19, 2014, and Friday, June 20, 2014. Officers from all divisions were trained in drug identification and then, at the conclusion of the training, were trained in the proper use of the drug field test kits. This training will provide officers in the field another tool to curb the growing drug problem that is plaguing the CNMI. (**DPS**)



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### MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Preliminary Matters
  - 1) Call to Order
  - 2) Roll Call
  - 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Committee Reports
  1. Finance
  2. Personnel
  3. Legislative
  4. Destination Enhancement
- 4) New Business
  - 1) Email Poll Ratifications:
    - a) FY2013 MVA Audited Financial Statements
    - b) Russia Media FAM
    - c) Destination Enhancement Projects
  - 2) FY 2014 Expenditure Plan for remaining of fiscal year 2014
  - 3) Renewal Option with AVIAREPS Marketing Garden
  - 4) Funding Approval for:
    - a) Driving Tips Section on the Safety Tips Video
    - b) International Festival of Culture
    - c) Professional Service for Destination Enhancement
- 5) Old Business
- 6) Miscellaneous/Announcements
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chair, MVA Board of Directors

# \$12.386M supplemental budget now goes to governor

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Senators passed Friday afternoon a supplemental \$12.386 million budget bill for fiscal year 2014, which now heads to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for action. The Senate also confirmed two of the governor's appointees to the Marianas Visitors Authority's board of directors.

Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) initially asked that any action on the supplemental budget bill be delayed until at least Tuesday over concerns about a \$60,000 that the House took away from the employer's share of government health and life insurance premium payment for 2014 and instead gave the amount to the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Taimanao wanted to call in the Department of Finance, among other agencies, to brief the Fiscal Affairs Committee on the impact of the \$60,000 that the House gave to the election body. The \$60,000 will help the commission with additional expenses related to initiatives that will be on the ballot or are potentially going to be on the ballot in the November elections.

Other senators told Taimanao that concerns about the \$60,000 shouldn't hold back passage of the \$12.386 million supplemental budget bill.

Of the \$12.386 million, \$5 million will go toward the government's minimum required payment into the retirement

settlement trust fund for 2014 while over \$7 million goes to the government's payment of the employer share of health and life insurance premium.

House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) addressed senators during the session to clarify that the House approved giving \$60,000 to the Election

Commission because they knew that 50 percent of the proposed cigarette tax hike bill would go to the government's share of the health and life insurance premium payment and that 50 percent would be a lot more than the diverted \$60,000.

Senators later passed the supplemental budget measure or House Bill 18-192, House Draft 1 by a vote of 9-0 at 3:53pm on Friday.

## Confirmation, resolutions

The Senate also confirmed by a vote of 9-0 each two of the governor's appointees to the MVA board: Juan O. Barcenas representing Tinian, and Kwang Joong Kim representing business on Saipan. Kim is a re-appointee.

Senators also adopted three resolutions, including Senate Commemorative Resolution 18-20, honoring and commending World War II veteran Lt. Col. Raymond Russell Kelly for his exemplary services in the U.S. Army Air Corps and Air Forces for 28 years, especially for serving during the war mission at Tinian's North Field.

Kelly was among the Amer-

ican and Japanese World War II veterans who were in the CNMI recently to take part in the commemoration of the

70th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

The Senate also adopted Senate Resolution 18-28,

congratulating Delta Air Lines on their 25th anniversary of flight service from Tokoya-Narita to Saipan, and

to commend them for providing Saipan with "25 years of excellent service and outstanding customer care."

## » Senate also confirms 2 appointees to MVA board



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### DIPLOMATIC OWWOW

Representing the Northern Marianas, Patricia Coleman and her daughter Guin join the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau ambassadors to the U.S. in celebrating the first birthday of the son of their colleague, the Marshall's Ambassador, at the RMI Embassy in Washington D.C. over the weekend. From left, Palau Ambassador Hersey Kyota, FSM Ambassador Asterio Takesy, Patricia Coleman and daughter Guin, and Marshall Islands Ambassador Charles Paul.

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CNMI Government**

**INVITATION TO BID**

**ITB NO.: ITB14-DCCA/NAP-113**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 11, 2014 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

**"OFFICE SPACE LEASE FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, N.A.P. DIVISION"**

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

The lessor must comply with the CNMI Public Law 15-23, Article 5 Section 8652 (a)-(d).

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO  
Secretary of DCCA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM  
Director, P&S

**Procurement And Supply  
CNMI Government**

**INVITATION TO BID**

**ITB NO.: ITB14-DPW/SWM-112**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 11, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**"SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A GENERATOR SET FOR MARPI LANDFILL FACILITY,  
A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT"**

Copies of the Scope of Work may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

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/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAM  
Secretary of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM  
Director, P&S

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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE  
DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofsneider through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Friday, June 27, 2014, Friday at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau Of Environment Coastal Quality Office 2nd Floor Conference Room, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

**AGENDA**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call

**PERMIT APPLICATION**

**IRONWOOD BLUE WATER HOMES, LLC - 80 UNIT  
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING  
CRM PERMIT NO. SMS-2014-X-020**

- a. Permit Application Summary
- b. Discussion by DCRM Agencies/DCRM
- c. Permit Application Status

**OTHER MATTERS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ FRANCES A. CASTRO  
Director, DCRM

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

**DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Caller Box 10007, Behind Department of Public Safety  
Bureau of Motor Vehicle, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950  
TEL. NO. 664-8300 FAX NO. 664-8315

**June 23, 2014**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:**

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Kanoa Resort	06/10/2014 SMS-84-X-028 (2014 Amend)	Beach LED Light Installation	Susupe	Amendment	Approved (06/17/14)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

# Estrella Decena is 2014 Pinoy Super Mom

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

With grace, beauty, poise, personality, and stage presence, Estrella Roja Decena from Dandan was crowned the 2014 Pinoy Super Mom, topping 17 other candidates over the weekend at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom.

"I am very, very happy and glad. I did not expect it. There was a lot of the audience who loved a lot of the other candidates and they also did very well," Decena later told *Saipan Tribune*.

Decena also won the Island Touch Choice Award, personally chosen by one of the United Filipino Organizations' sponsors, Philip Canuto.

Decena works at the Gold's Gym as a Body Pump and Pilates instructor. She is also a front desk clerk and is a mother of five children. She is married to Jonathan Decena.

As part of her prizes, Decena won \$800, a crown, sash, and bouquet. She also received a cash prize for her special award.

Saturday night's first runner-up was Sheryll Q. Sabino, who won \$500, a crown, sash and bouquet.

The second runner-up, Antonieta B. Magbanua, won \$300, a crown, sash, and bouquet. Magbanua also topped

## » Magbanua bags majority of special awards



PHOTOS BY JAYSON CAMACHO

Estrella Roja Decena is crowned as 2014 Pinoy Super Mom.



Sheryll Sabino, 35, is first runner-up for Pinoy Super Mom.



Antonieta Magbanua, 42, is second runner-up, Miss Photogenic, Darling of the Crowd, Star of the Night, and Best in Evening Gown.



Josephine Tengco, 39, is second runner-up for Pinoy Super Mom.



Catherine Regalado, 48, is fourth runner-up for Pinoy Super Mom.

everybody else in the special awards. She was named Miss Photogenic, Darling of the Crowd, Star of the Night, and Best in Evening Gown.

Third runner-up Josephine Tengco won \$100, a sash, and bouquet. Fourth runner-up was Catherine Regalado, who also won \$100, sash, and bouquet.

Other candidates were given special awards. Rebecca Urbano was presented with the Miss Congeniality Award, Melba Camacho received Best Spirit Award, Virginia Cruz received both Miss Flawless and Best in Talent, while Teresita Pangelinan and Nora Ayuyu both received the Early Bird award.

Judges for Saturday night's pageant were Allen Michael Perez, Marissa Mafnas from St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Divana Dela Cruz of DFS Galleria, Olivia Tenorio of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Ana Glushko of Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts, and Mona Mercado, chairperson for the event.

According to UFO president Anna-mae Adaza, the candidates had to go through a production number, talent show, evening gown competition, and a question-and-answer section.

Adaza said the pageant's advocacy—women of power—aims to empower women to break free from the chains of limiting patterns and societal conditioning that have kept women suppressed and unable to use their true beauty and power to create opportunities that would allow them to develop their talents and use them to transform society.

Adaza hopes the event will inspire young girls and women to use that power to aid in the overall wellbeing of a woman today and for generation to come.

Pageant director Ernie Molina told *Saipan Tribune* that Decena deserved the award.

"She is really smart, talented, and a very good person. Everybody tried their best," Molina said.

Molina noted that the candidates went through a one-month training and preparation for the event.

"Last practice was a very emotional time. The mothers told me that I did a good job because their self-esteem rose, and it is a really big transformation. ...They are all winners to me," Molina said.

Molina noted that this year's success has motivated them to hold another Pinoy Super Mom pageant next year.



Rebecca Urbano wins Miss Congeniality for being the most congenial, charismatic, and friendliest among the candidates.



Nora Ayuyu, 56, is one of the Early Bird awardees.



Teresita Pangelinan, 44, is also one of the Early Bird awardees.



Virginia R. Cruz, 50, is Pinoy Super Moms Miss Flawless and Best in Talent.



Melba Camacho, 46, is Pinoy Super Mom's Best in Spirit.

# Summer Pre-law Program participants meet attorney-mentors

The Judiciary's Summer Pre-law Program participants met with their attorney-mentors on June 21, 2014, before officially starting classes today. Thirteen participants will undertake an intense, three-week study of law: Anthony H. Aguon, Carmen V. Borja, Tina R. Cruz, Sahjahan T. Hossain, Savana V. Manglona, Jaclyn T. Mendiola, Maisie Lynn SN. Mesnagon, Zalbert C. Palma, Susan S. Pascual, Gretchen A. Smith, Christopher A. Tenorio, Angelina T. Tretnoff, and Dan Ryan B. Tumaquip.

In addition to teaching courses in Contracts and Property, Emeritus Professor Robert J. Desiderio of the University of



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Summer Pre-law program participant Tina R. Cruz, left, and attorney mentor Jeanne Rayphand



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Summer Pre-Law Program participants, from left to right, Carmen V. Borja, Savana V. Manglona and attorney mentor Deborah Fisher

## ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- JOSEPH ALDAN ARRIOLA, Defendant.

#### TENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 31, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 034 L 129, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21 recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299, and Lot 034 L 130, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS check No. 34 L 21, recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

## ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- DANIEL JOSEPH M. CABRERA and MAGDALENA S. CABRERA, Defendants.

#### ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 19, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 005 I 180, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 02, the original of which was recorded March 11, 1983, as Document No. 16707, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan and (b) Tract No. 225840-1, located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on DLS Check No. 2119/92, deeded to Daniel Munro Cabrera on August 24, 1998, and recorded as File No. 99-2096 on September 3, 1999.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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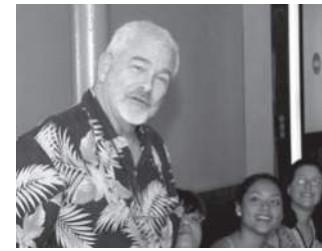
DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



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Summer Pre-Law Program 2014 participants and attorney mentors gather for orientation prior to the commencement of classes on Monday June 23, 2014



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Attorney mentor Bruce Mailman speaks to the Summer Pre-Law Program 2014 participants at the orientation assembly Saturday June 21, 2014.



Summer Pre-Law Program participants, from left to right, Sahjahan T. Hossain, Anthony H. Aguon and Zalbert C. Palma,



From left to right: Summer Pre-Law Program 2014 attorney mentor Victorino Torres, program participants Jaclyn T. Mendiola and Gin Decker with attorney mentor Bobbi Cepeda

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## ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- AMALIA DIAZ TEREJEGO, aka DEBRA AMALIA DIAZ TEREJEGO; VICENTE TILIPAO TEREJEGO; and JOSE DLG. DIAZ, Defendants.

#### ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 12, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 041 E 18 (formerly part of Lot 041 E 06, which was part of original lot 041 E 01), situated in Talafoto, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,050 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 041 E 03, the original of which was recorded on 14 February 1995, as Document No. 95-356, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

## ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- SUZETTE O. SASAMOTO and FELIX T. SASAMOTO, JR., Defendants.

#### ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 3, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded on May 14, 1990, as Document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 9th day of June, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

## ATTORNEYS FOR Plaintiff

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff, -v- JUAN R. SABLON and ANGELINE F. SABLON, Defendants.

#### ELEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 10, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Real property, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,329 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. E.A. 839 NEW.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 11, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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# Business

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Obama: Workplace flexibility is a basic need

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Barack Obama says child care, family leave and workplace flexibility aren't frills, they're basic needs. In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama is lamenting workplace policies that he says are outdated. He says the U.S. is one of just three countries that don't require paid maternity leave. Obama says some businesses are pursuing family friendly policies. But he says the U.S. must make it easier for parents and those with sick relatives to stay in the workplace. He says something's wrong when hard workers must choose between work and family. Obama plans to hold a summit on working families on Monday. In the Republican address, Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan says Obama's record on energy development is abysmal. He says the U.S. must build an infrastructure that will lead to energy abundance.

### Defiant IRS head, skeptical GOP interrogators

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Defiant before skeptical Republicans, the head of the IRS refused to apologize Friday for lost emails

that might shed light on the tax agency's targeting of tea party and other groups before the 2010 and 2012 elections. Instead, Commissioner John Koskinen accused the chairman of a powerful House committee of misleading the public by making false statements based on incomplete information. The contentious back-and-forth didn't end there. Later in the hearing, Rep. Paul Ryan, the Republicans' vice presidential candidate two years ago, told Koskinen bluntly that "nobody believes you." "I have a long career. That's the first time anybody has said they do not believe me," said Koskinen, who came out of retirement in December to take over the IRS.

### Bacon preservative tested as feral hog poison

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—A preservative used to cure bacon is being tested as poison for the nation's estimated 5 million feral hogs. Descendants of both escaped domestic pigs and imported Eurasian boars, the swine cost the U.S. about \$1.5 billion a year—including \$800 million in damage to farms nationwide. Hunting and trapping won't do the trick for these big, wildly prolific animals. So, the

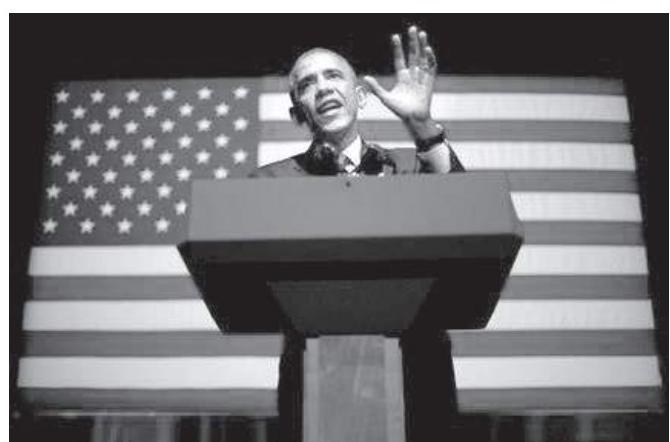
U.S. Department of Agriculture kicked off a \$20 million program this year to control feral swine, which have spread from 17 states in 1982 to 39 now. Sodium nitrite is far more toxic to pigs than people and is used in Australia and New Zealand to kill feral swine.

### Sing Sing's power plant could become prison museum

**OSSINING, N.Y.** (AP)—An old power plant at Sing Sing that once supplied the juice for the electric chair is being eyed as the site for a museum dedicated to the infamous prison. Supporters envision thousands of tourists streaming "up the river" from New York to see artifacts including "Old Sparky," as the chair was known; a metal "head cage" used when prisoners were transported; and a display of prisoners' weapons, from axes made in metal shop to shivs fashioned from plastic forks. "Sing Sing is a brand name," said John Wunderlich, president of the Ossining Historical Society Museum. "You go anywhere in this country, in Europe even, everybody's heard of Sing Sing." The prison's fame stems from the many criminals who ended up at Sing Sing and, in some cases, never came back.

# Nation

## Without fanfare, Obama advances transgender rights



AP

In this Tuesday June 17, 2014 file photo President Barack Obama speaks at the Democratic National Committee's (DNC) annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) fundraiser gala in Gotham Hall in New York.

Care Act, get treatment at Veteran's Administration facilities and seek access to public school restrooms and sports programs—just a few of the transgender-specific policy shifts of Obama's presidency.

"He has been the best president for transgender rights, and nobody else is in second place," Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality, said of Obama, who is the only president to invite trans-

gender children to participate in the annual Easter egg roll at the White House.

Religious conservative groups quick to criticize the president for his gay rights advocacy have been much slower to respond to the administration's actions. The leader of the Traditional Values Coalition says there is little recourse because the changes come through executive orders and federal agencies rather than Congress.

## Jindal says rebellion brewing against Washington

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal on Saturday night accused President Barack Obama and other Democrats of waging wars against religious liberty and education and said that a rebellion is brewing in the U.S. with people ready for "a hostile takeover" of the nation's capital.

Jindal spoke at the annual conference hosted by the Faith and Freedom Coalition, a group led by longtime Christian activist Ralph Reed. Organizers said more than 1,000 evangelical leaders attended the three-day gathering. Republican officials across the political spectrum concede that evangelical voters continue to play a critical role in

The governor said there was a "silent war" on religious liberty being fought in the U.S.—a country that he said was built on that liberty.

"I am tired of the left. They say they're for tolerance, they say they respect diversity. The reality is this: They respect everybody unless you happen to disagree with them," he said. "The left is trying to silence us and I'm tired of it, I won't take it anymore."

Earlier this week, Jindal signed an executive order to block the use of tests tied to Common Core education standards in his state, a position favored by tea party supporters and conservatives. He said he would continue to fight against the administration's attempts to implement Common Core.

"The federal government has no role, no right and no place dictating standards in our local schools across these 50 states of the United States of America," Jindal said.

Jindal used humor in criticizing the Obama administration on several fronts, referencing the Bergdahl prisoner exchange and the deadly attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya.

## Mt. Rainier search for writer ends when body found

**MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash.** (AP)—The search for a prominent outdoors writer on Mount Rainier was suspended Saturday when a female's body was recovered, but the remains weren't immediately identified, officials said.

Mount Rainier National Park spokeswoman Patti Wold said that the body was recovered about 3 p.m. PDT in the area where teams had been searching for 70-year-old Karen Sykes.

She said that the body of a "deceased female" was found off the trail near Boundary Creek in rough, steep terrain—an area difficult to access and not commonly traveled.

There was no immediate word on the cause of death, and Wold said the medical examiner would determine the person's identity.

Park officials had announced earlier in the day that the search had been suspended but did not elaborate.

Sykes hasn't been seen since she separated from her hiking partner on Wednesday.

She was reportedly working on a story when she and her partner encountered snow about 5,000 feet. Her partner stayed as she went on, with the idea that they'd reconvene, but she never turned up.

The partner, who made it safely back to the trailhead, reported her missing at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Six ground crews, including two dog teams, combed an expanded search area near the Owyhigh Lakes Trail on Rainier's east side Saturday. Rescuers also searched by air.

Sykes had adequate survival gear to camp overnight in an emergency, Wold said.

Her friends had hoped that searchers would find her safely sheltered.

Safety concerns for Sykes and search crews included snow bridges, tree wells and steep, wet, slippery terrain, Wold said. A searcher was hurt Thursday when he punched through a snow bridge and was airlifted out of the search area.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## †Harold Arthur Burnette, Sr.

August 10, 1947 – June 13, 2014

*In His New Life, He Now Joins †Antonia Soram Burnette who had gone before him and his son †Harold Arthur Burnette, Jr.*

**Brothers and Sister:** James Burnette, Debbie B. Kilikeyvicius, Duane Burnette

*His Memories Will Live In The Hearts Of His Wife, Asuncion P. Burnette Children and Grandchildren:*

**Brian** and Lynn Soram (Brianna, Brandon)  
**Andrew** and Jessica Burnette (Aaron Justin, Celestiana Jadyn)

Daily Mass of Intention are being offered at 6:00p.m. at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

His remains will lie in state at Santa Soledad Church from 7:30 a.m. for Responso Service and Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Interment Service will follow at Sanctuario Pax Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest with †Tona and †Harold Jr.

Please join us in prayers

**The Family**

# World

## PH senator charged with plunder surrenders

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A popular Filipino senator and action movie star surrendered Friday after an anti-graft court ordered his arrest on large-scale corruption charges in a rare spectacle of the country's political elite being made to answer for alleged crimes.

Sen. Ramon Revilla Jr., a member of a powerful political clan and one of the country's most famous movie and TV celebrities, arrived in a convoy of SUVs with his wife, children and fans at the Sandiganbayan anti-graft court in the capital. He was then brought to police headquarters, where his fingerprints and mug shots were taken before his detention. TV networks beamed his surrender live nationwide.

Philippine President Benigno Aquino III came to office in 2010 pledging to break from corruption in the nation's past, but few top officials have been prosecuted, leading to criticism that Aquino, himself a scion of a political dynasty, was soft on allies who faced graft allegations.

Revilla was one of three influential senators indicted early this month for allegedly receiving huge kickbacks from state anti-poverty and development funds. He says he is innocent.

"Even in my dreams I didn't see this coming," Revilla said at



AP  
Philippine senator Ramon Revilla Jr. waves as he arrives as the Sandiganbayan anti-graft court in suburban Quezon City, north of Manila, Philippines on Friday, June 20, 2014.

his mansion in Cavite province, south of Manila, where his fans and relatives gathered to show support before his trip to the court. "It's like a nightmare I can't wake up from."

Revilla's lawyer, Joel Bodegon said he filed a petition for bail and requested a hearing next week. Plunder carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and is not bailable unless the judge deems the evidence weak.

The government ombudsman, who prosecutes state officials and employees accused of wrongdoing, filed the plunder charges a year after the scam to divert money from the Priority Development Assistance Fund assigned to legislators was exposed.

Revilla was accused of receiving 224 million pesos (\$5.1 million) in kickbacks. "The evidence against him is weak," Bodegon said. "He never received any kickback, not a single cent, and he did not get anything from the scam."

The anti-graft court has not yet issued arrest warrants for the other two senators, Juan Ponce Enrile and Jinggoy Estrada. About half a dozen people, including

## Sunni fighters expand offensive in western Iraq

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Sunni insurgents led by an al-Qaida breakaway group expanded their offensive in a volatile western province on Saturday, capturing three strategic towns and the first border crossing with Syria to fall on the Iraqi side.

It's the latest blow against Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who is fighting for his political life even as forces beyond his control are pushing the country toward a sectarian showdown.

In a reflection of the bitter divide, thousands of heavily armed Shiite militiamen—eager to take on the Sunni insurgents—marched through Iraqi cities in military-style parades on streets where many of them battled U.S. forces a half decade ago.

The towns of Qaim, Rawah and Anah are the first territory seized in predominantly Sunni Anbar province, west of Baghdad, since fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant group overran the city of Fallujah and parts of the provincial capital of Ramadi earlier this year.

The capture of Rawah on the Euphrates River and the nearby town of Anah appeared to be part of march toward a key dam in the city of Haditha, which

was built in 1986 and has a hydraulic power station that produces some 1,000 megawatts. Destruction of the dam would adversely impact the country's electrical grid and cause major flooding.

Iraqi military officials said more than 2,000 troops were quickly dispatched to the site of the dam to protect it against a possible attack by the Sunni militants. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Rawah's mayor, Hussein Ali al-Aujail, said the militants ransacked the town's government offices and forced local army and police forces to pull out. Rawah and Anah had remained under government control since nearby Fallujah fell to the Sunni militants in January.

The Islamic State's Sunni militants have carved out a large fiefdom along the Iraqi-Syrian border and have long traveled back and forth with ease, but control over crossings like that one in Qaim allows them to more easily move weapons and heavy equipment to different battlefields. Syrian rebels already have seized the facilities on the Syrian side of the border and several other posts in areas under their control.

senatorial aides and the businesswoman who is at the center of the scam, Janet Napoles, also were charged with plunder.

Enrile allegedly received 172 million pesos (\$3.94 million) and Estrada 183 million pesos (\$4.2 million) in kickbacks. The ombudsman also charged the three senators and two dozen others with violating the anti-graft law.

The division of the court in charge of Revilla's case rejected motions by his lawyer to dismiss the charges, saying it had

"sufficient grounds" to issue the arrest warrant against the senator. Similar motions are pending for Enrile and Estrada.

Corruption has plagued this poor Southeast Asian nation of 97 million for decades, fostered by a culture of impunity by powerful politicians, businessmen and their allies, weak law enforcement and a notoriously slow justice system.

Since Aquino was elected on a reformist pledge, his predecessor has been detained on vote-rigging charges and the

Supreme Court chief justice impeached for the first time for not disclosing \$2.4 million in his bank accounts.

Enrile is one of the country's oldest and most powerful politicians. The 90-year-old wealthy businessman and former Senate president, he was defense minister when dictator Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in the Philippines in 1972 and later was implicated in several coup attempts against Aquino's mother, the late President Corazon Aquino.

## Putin backs Ukraine cease-fire, warns talks needed

**KIEV, Ukraine** (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed support Saturday for Ukraine's unilateral cease-fire in its battle against pro-Russian separatists and appealed to both sides to halt all military operations.

But he warned that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's blueprint for peace would not be viable without action to start peace negotiations.

The qualified Russian backing for Poroshenko's effort to halt the conflict was another in a series of shifting Kremlin moves and statements that leave unclear the level of Moscow's commitment to de-escalating the conflict.

Putin's conciliatory words came on the same day he ordered large-scale military exercises that NATO criticized as likely to raise tensions. U.S. officials also accused Russian troops of moving back into

positions near the border with Ukraine's troubled east.

The Kremlin said in a statement that Putin "calls on the opposing sides to halt any military activities and sit down at the negotiating table."

The statement said Putin supported Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's decision to order Ukrainian troops to observe a unilateral cease-fire starting Friday night.

But it added that Putin wanted to draw "attention to the fact that the proposed plan, without practical action directed at a beginning for a negotiating process, will not be viable or realistic."

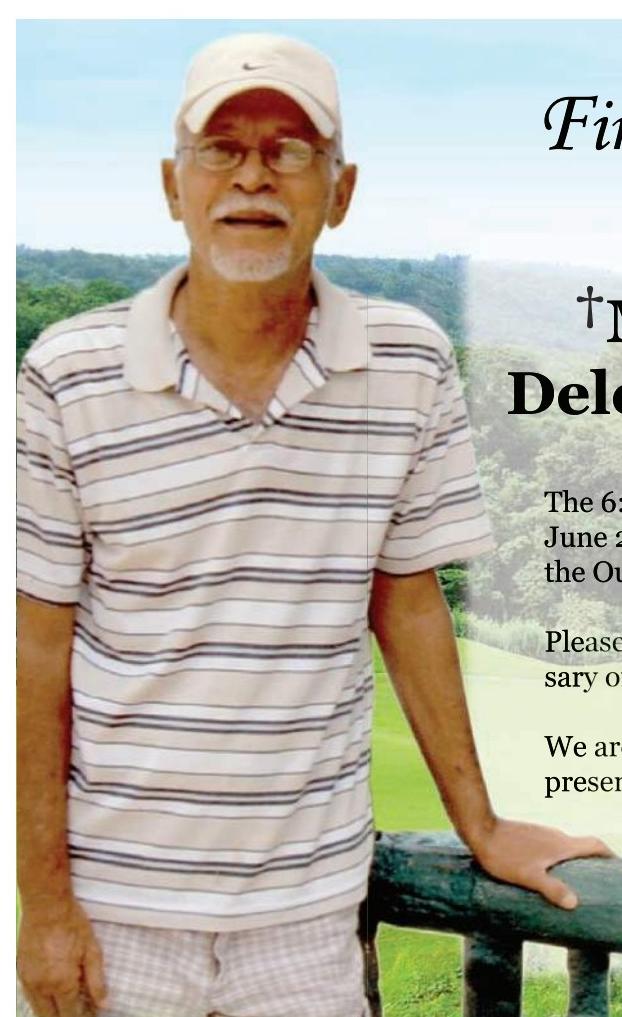
Poroshenko bills the unilateral cease-fire as designed to inspire a wider peace plan that would include an amnesty for pro-Russian separatist fighters who disarm.

Further steps would include joint security patrols, a buf-

fer zone on the border, early regional and parliamentary elections, protections for the language rights of people who use Russian as their main language, and eventually changes in the constitution to permit more regional self-government.

Ukrainian troops have struggled for weeks to suppress separatists who have seized buildings and declared independence in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions near the border with Russia.

Ukraine and the United States have accused Russia of supporting the insurgency, including by permitting tanks to cross the border and wind up in the rebels' arsenal. Russia counters that it is not supporting the insurgents and Russians who have joined the fighting are doing so as private citizens.



## First Death Anniversary

In loving memory of

**†MARCELINO (Max)  
Deleon Guerrero Camacho**

The 6:00 a.m. daily masses of intention begin on Friday, June 20, 2014, and continue to Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.

Please join us as we commemorate the first death anniversary of our loved one.

We are honored and grateful for your thoughts, prayers, and presence.

*Si Yu's Ma'a'e and Thank You  
Cecilia (Chilang) T. Camacho  
and Children*

# Health & Fitness

## Asthma rates are declining; experts not breathing easier

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A new survey suggests asthma in the U.S. may finally be on the decline. But the results are so surprising that health officials are cautious about claiming a downturn.

"I wouldn't say it's good news—yet," said the study's lead author, Jeannine Schiller of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The findings come from a large national health survey conducted last year. The drop could just be an unexplained statistical blip, and Schiller said she's waiting for data from this year before proclaiming asthma

is on the decline.

The CDC released the report Thursday.

For the past few years, about 8.6 percent of Americans have said they have asthma. But in last year's survey, 7.4 percent said they currently had it. That was the lowest mark in a decade, and represents a decline of more than 3 million people.

The largest declines were seen in black children and women.

There was also a drop in those who said they'd had an asthma attack or episode in the past year. The number fell from 4.4 percent in 2012 to 3.8 per-

cent last year—the lowest mark in more than 15 years.

The new survey involved in-person interviews of more than 47,000 Americans and covered both adults and children.

Asthma can cause bouts of coughing, wheezing, and chest pain. Experts aren't sure what causes it, but asthma attacks can be triggered by things like tobacco smoke, air pollution, pollen, and cockroaches. Studies have pointed at decrepit housing and climate change as some of the possible reasons for the increase in asthma seen in the past decade.

### Personal Trainer

## Breathing troubles

About 7 percent of people suffer from exercise-induced asthma when they exert themselves.

### Typical pattern



### What can trigger or worsen an attack

- Breathing through mouth when exercising
- Cold air
- Dry indoor air
- Sudden change in temperature and humidity
- Medium- or long-distance running

- Air pollutants, pollen
- Respiratory infection

Source: American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

### Ways to avoid attacks

- Breathe through nose to warm air entering lungs
- Wear face mask or scarf in cool weather
- Swim, walk or bicycle for exercise

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## Dozens of CDC workers taking anti-anthrax drugs

At least 52 workers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are taking antibiotics as a precaution because of a lab safety problem that may have accidentally exposed them to anthrax.

The federal agency on Friday raised its estimate of potentially affected workers from 75 to 86, and said the number could rise again as additional workers such as janitors and support staff come forward.

So far, the CDC's occupa-

al health clinic has seen 54 out of 86 potentially exposed employees. Only two have refused antibiotic treatment, which can cut the chances of infection after exposure to the germ. The CDC says 27 of them also began receiving an anthrax vaccine. The others declined or are still considering the vaccine.

The safety lapse was discovered last Friday and CDC revealed it on Thursday. It occurred when a high level biosecurity lab

failed to completely inactivate anthrax samples sent to three less secure labs that were researching new ways to detect the germs in environmental samples.

Workers in the less secure labs were not wearing adequate protective gear because they believed the samples had been inactivated. Procedures in two of the labs may have spread anthrax spores in the air. Anthrax is particularly dangerous when inhaled.

# Life & Style

## HBO's Game of Thrones puts Northern Ireland on the map



In this photo taken June 13, 2014, Game of Thrones tourists take part at clearsky adventure which has built an exact replica of Winterfell Archery range in the same spot where filming took place at castlward, Strangford, Northern Ireland. AP

### BELFAST, Northern Ireland

(AP)—Giants, dragons and vengeful queens have for generations populated Northern Ireland's folk tales. Now, such creatures are visiting the land in a different version—on the sets for the hit TV show "Game of Thrones." But rather than spells and destruction, they're bringing an economic boost to this British province still healing from its past of political violence.

Fans of the HBO fantasy drama would recognize here the landscapes from the fictional land of Westeros—the castle of Winterfell, the seaside cliffs of the Iron Isles and the King's Road leading to the north. About 75 percent of the show is filmed in Northern Ireland, both in natural settings and in the Titanic Studios in Belfast.

Since the pilot episode began filming in 2009, attracted by the local government's financial incentives, the show's presence has helped foster a film industry that is catching the eye of other Hollywood productions. And Northern Ireland is taking advantage of the attention by promoting the filming locations as tourist destinations.

The latest—and perhaps most illustrious—visitor is Queen Elizabeth II, who will tour the studio sets on Monday. But thousands have already been visiting from across the globe.

Cara and Tom Collins from Springdale, Arkansas, were in Ballintoy Harbour recently to see the rocky coastal setting used in the show for the 'Iron Isles,' a kingdom of rugged sailors.

"You can just close your eyes and picture everybody there," said Tom.

The season four finale of "Game of Thrones" last week was watched by 7.09 million viewers in the United States according to prime-time viewership numbers compiled by the Nielson Co. That makes it HBO's most-watched program since "The Sopranos" in 2007.

But the numbers are likely higher since TV audience habits have changed since 2007 and "Game of Thrones" has fans globally who watch on local networks and via DVD or streaming services.

For Northern Ireland's tourism industry, that represents a huge pool of potential visitors. The province hopes to use the show's popularity to increase the number of tourists to over 2 million annually by 2016, from 1.8 million in 2013—more than the region's population of just 1.8 million.

Coach operators have created "Game of Thrones" tours, for which demand hit a record as the show reached its season finale this month.

"They are using some of our most iconic scenery in 'Game of Thrones' which is excellent," said Arlene Foster, minister for enterprise, trade and investment.

Beyond tourism, the direct employment of local workers has been very important for the local economy, she said.

At the end of series four, HBO is estimated to have spent about 87.6 million pounds (\$149.11 million) in the local economy making the show. The benefits are likely much higher when in-

cluding other factors, such as the knock-on benefits from higher employment.

"This is a sector that we think has the potential to really grow" said Foster. "Around the HBO facility and studios will grow a skills base that others can use."

Holywood—pronounced the same as California's 'Hollywood'—is a small seaside town near Belfast that may lack the glamour of Beverly Hills, but is gaining a movie-making reputation of its own. Yellow Moon, a production facility based there, has enjoyed strong growth and doubled its workforce by being involved with "Game of Thrones."

"HBO were a big catalyst in changing perceptions of what could be done in Northern Ireland. As the Americans say, it was a game changer," said Managing Director Greg Darby.

Five years ago, 80 percent of Yellow Moon's work was for local broadcasters, and just 20 percent for productions based in the U.K. or further afield. Now, 70 percent of their work is commissioned outside Northern Ireland.

"'Game of Thrones' are directly or indirectly responsible for 80 percent of the people that we have taken on in the last three years, because if they didn't come we wouldn't have the other work," said Darby.

Scott Ferguson's story illustrates what "Game of Thrones" means for young creative people in Northern Ireland.

He dreamt of being a film editor, but his first experience in the industry failed to lead to more work, so he took a job in a bank.

# Chinese firm demands edits to 'Transformers'

**BEIJING** (AP)—A Beijing property developer said Saturday it has terminated cooperation with the new “Transformers” movie, wants Paramount Pictures to make edits to it and is asking China to suspend screenings of the blockbuster film.

The company owns the Pangu Plaza, a dragon-shaped hotel, office and mall complex that stretches the length of half a dozen football fields and is featured in “Transformers: Age of Extinction,” the latest installment of the hit franchise.

The Beijing Pangu Investment Co. Ltd. said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press that Paramount and two Chinese associate partners failed to fulfill their obligations in a sponsorship deal.

“The loss of rights and interests not only caused the Pangu company’s original business plan to fail, incurring huge losses, more seriously, it has affected Pangu Plaza’s image and reputation,” the statement said.

Pangu said it is suing its Chinese partners for contract fraud and demanding that Paramount delete scenes from the movie that feature images of its logo or properties. It said it has also asked the Chinese government’s film regulator to suspend or stop screenings of the



A child stands on a barricade fence looks at a replica model of Transformers character Bumblebee on display in front of Qianmen Gate, as part of a promotion of the movie “Transformers: Age of Extinction” in Beijing, China Saturday, June 21, 2014.

movie, which is due to open in Chinese cinemas June 27.

Pangu says it provided at least 10 million yuan (\$1.6 million) in funding and that its Chinese partners never delivered on pledges to hold the movie premiere at Pangu’s hotel and feature images of its property in trailers and movie posters.

Instead, the movie’s worldwide premiere was held in

## Katie Couric marries financier in Hamptons

**EAST HAMPTON, N.Y.** (AP)—Katie Couric has married a New York financier in a small ceremony at her East Hampton home.

People magazine reports the former “Today” host and John Molner took the vows on Saturday in front of 50 guests.

The 51-year-old Molner is a partner at investment firm Brown Brothers Harriman overseeing mergers and acquisitions for the firm’s corporate clients.

He proposed to the 57-year-old Couric last September after nearly two years of dating.

Couric’s first husband, Jay Monahan, died in 1998 from colon cancer.

She has two grown daughters. Molner has a son and a daughter.

Couric hosted her own talk show after leaving “Today” and a five-year run as anchor of the “CBS Evening News.” She’s now the global anchor for Yahoo News.

## Mourners hear Kasem’s voice at private memorial

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Casey Kasem’s family and close friends celebrated him in the same way much of America did—by listening to his unmistakable radio voice.

Mourners at a small private memorial Saturday for Kasem heard his old radio shows, including “American Top 40,” where he introduced music from Jimi Hendrix, Joni Mitchell and the Bee Gees.

The ceremony came a week after Kasem’s death in Gig Harbor, Washington, at age 82.

Family representative Danny Deraney tells The Associated Press that about 100 family members, close friends and business associates gathered at the memorial at a church in the Bel Air neighborhood.

Kasem’s three children all spoke, and pop music arranger David Campbell played a violin version of Stephen Sondheim’s “Send in the Clowns,” one of Kasem’s favorite songs.

## Spokesman: Tracy Morgan now transferred to rehab

**NEWARK, New Jersey** (AP)—Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan has been moved from a hospital to a rehabilitation facility as he recovers from a serious auto accident, his spokesman said Friday.

The former star of “30 Rock” is showing signs of improvement, but has a long road to full recovery, spokesman Lewis Kay said in an email. Morgan suffered a broken leg and broken ribs in the June 7 accident.

Kay didn’t identify the rehab facility where Morgan is staying, saying only that it is in New Jersey.

Morgan’s limousine van was hit from behind by a Wal-Mart truck on the New Jersey Turnpike. Morgan’s friend James McNair, 62, was killed and Morgan and two other men were seriously injured.

On Thursday, a report by federal transportation safety investigators said the truck driver was speeding before he slammed into the limousine van on a stretch of the turnpike where the speed limit was lowered to 45 mph (72 kph) due to construction.

The report also raised anew

questions about driver Kevin Roper’s work hours and whether they were in conflict with federal safety guidelines.

The 35-year-old Roper has pleaded not guilty to one count of death by auto and four counts of assault by auto.

Roper had been on the job about 13½ hours at the time of the crash, the report concluded. Federal rules permit truck drivers to work up to 14 hours a day, with a maximum of 11 hours behind the wheel.

Had Roper continued to his eventual destination in Perth Amboy, he would have been pushing the 14-hour limit if he drove at the speed limit. A Wal-Mart spokeswoman didn’t comment Thursday on Roper’s hours or his itinerary.

Messages left Thursday at several phone numbers listed for Roper’s attorney were not immediately returned.

Morgan’s assistant, Jeffrey Millea, has been upgraded from serious to fair condition, according to Kay. Hospital officials said this week that comedian Ardie Fuqua remains in critical condition.

## Selena Gomez stalker sentenced to treatment

actress and her home for 10 years.

Authorities say Cruz went to the home of Gomez twice and was arrested in March for breaking into her guesthouse in suburban Calabasas.

He pleaded no contest in April to a misdemeanor trespassing charge.

Cruz spent two days in jail and hours after his release he jumped a fence at Gomez’s home and was rearrested.

## Love of woman’s life can be only a part-time passion

**D**EAR ABBY: I fell in love with a boy when I was 12, deeply in love. We met at our county fair. We grew up together and have remained friends for 30 years. He married and had children, as did I. I am now divorced, but he’s still married.

Recently our friendship has grown into something more. He wants our relationship to continue, but he’s afraid to leave his wife because of the kids. They have been together for 20 years.

What do I do? He’s the love of my life. Any time I have with him is better than none. It’s not that I don’t know I deserve better, but he is unhappy, and I am miserable without him. What do I do?

PRISONER OF PASSION IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR PRISONER:** What you do depends upon your strength of character and what you want out of life. If you want to spend the foreseeable future as this man’s “side dish,” then continue as you have been, a “prisoner of passion” with not much common sense. If you would like to have a stable life and find a man who will make you No. 1 in his life, then you will have to call a halt to this affair and go through a period of withdrawal — the same as people have to do with any addiction. It may not be pleasant, but I recommend it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m turning 75 soon, and enjoying retirement, good health and a comfortable lifestyle, which is why I have arranged a “Celebration of My Life -- So Far.” I’m excited about it and eagerly anticipating more than 60 guests for cocktails and a sit-down dinner at a nearby hotel.

It’s not uncommon these days for a celebration of life to be held after someone dies. However, I prefer to have mine BEFORE I leave this Earth so I can celebrate along with my loved ones. I want to be there, especially since I’m the one who’s paying for it!

What do you think of my idea? Would you enjoy partaking in such a special event?

THINKING AHEAD IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR THINKING AHEAD:** I think it’s a terrific idea. And yes, I would enjoy celebrating such a special event, if I were invited. When is this party? I’ll be standing by my mailbox!

**DEAR ABBY:** Why is it socially acceptable to refer to a grown woman as a “girl,” and yet it would never be appropriate to call a man a “boy”?

BARBARA IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR BARBARA:** I’m not sure whether all women would accept being called a “girl.” In fact, some would find it condescending and offensive. If you call a man a “boy,” he could regard it as an assault on his masculinity.

And yet, I have heard those terms used in the third person, as in, “What’s my husband doing on Saturday? He’ll be out playing golf with the boys, while I’ll be going to lunch with the girls.” And I have never heard that it was offensive to either sex.

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34 Sticky stuff			46 Unusual
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			50 Oklahoma city

Solution time: 26 mins.



Friday's answer 6-23

## CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Melissa Rauch, 34; Jason Mraz, 37; Frances McDormand, 57; Randy Jackson, 58.

**Happy Birthday:** You can't force others to do things, but you can take control of your life by doing what's best for you. Accept inevitable changes going on around you and turn a sour situation into a sweet one. This is a year of transformation, so hop to it and start making the subtle alterations that will make a difference to your life and future. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 26, 32, 34, 41.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Set your goals high. Self-improvement will result in compliments as well as recognition. Sharing your dreams will lead to good fortune and success as long as you don't let a last-minute change someone initiates stifle your plans. **★★★**

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't let your emotions run wild. Take precautions and refrain from taking on something you cannot finish. Pay attention to the people you love, even if you feel like you aren't getting enough in return. Mistakes are likely. **★★★**

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Chitchat will lead to divulging information that's best kept a secret. Boredom will be a direct result of having too much idle time. Spice up your life by incorporating new activities into your daily routine. Don't spend foolishly. **★★★**

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Someone is checking you out and considering what you have to offer. An unusually compelling turn of events will unfold if you take an interest in a cultural community activity. You can

take part without making a commitment. **★★★★**

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Showing off won't draw positive attention, but doing something special for someone in need will. Taking a short trip will be insightful and lead to new options regarding partnerships. An investment may tempt you, but fast cash schemes are likely to lead to loss. **★★**

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Show what you are capable of doing and share your concerns with people heading in the same direction as you. Take credit where credit is due. Reconnecting with someone you have worked with in the past will lead to a job consideration. **★★★★★**

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put greater emphasis on adding to your assets. Don't let what others think deter you from following through with your plans. Love and romance are highlighted, but a trust issue is apparent. Status may be questionable. **★★★**

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money matters will turn in your favor. Look over contracts or settlements, and don't let an incident lead to making an impulsive move that you may regret later. Think matters through before taking action. **★★**

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ability to get things done will be impressive. Take stock of what's most important and you will make substantial progress. Working from home can help you avoid interference, allowing you to accomplish more. Love is on the rise. **★★★**

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be too eager to share your ideas or plans. Do what needs to be done without drawing attention to what you are trying to achieve. An incident or mishap is likely to develop if you disagree with someone or you aren't careful. **★★★★★**

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put time in at home or on self-improvement projects. A moneymaking idea should be considered. Love is in the stars, and romance will improve your personal life. An unexpected change will bring you good fortune. Don't hesitate to make a move. **★★**

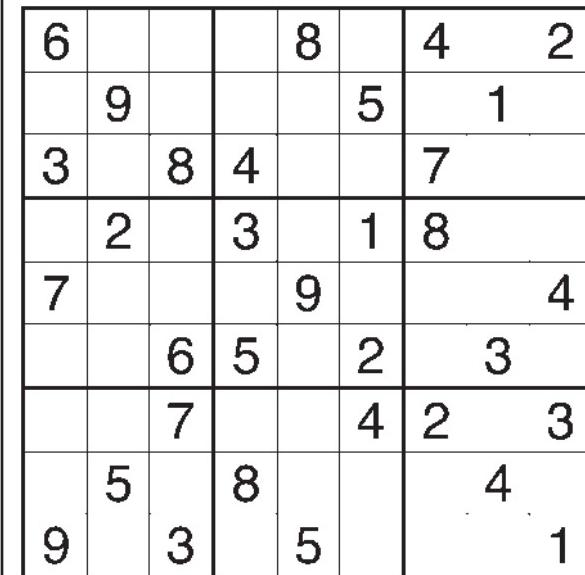
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Set up meetings with people you feel can contribute to something you want to pursue. Reunite with people you have worked with in the past and you will gather interesting information regarding how you can move forward with your plans. **★★★★**

**Birthday Baby:** You are ambitious and progressive. You are insightful and quick to react. Eugenia's website — [eugenialast.com](http://eugenialast.com), Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhorob> and join Eugenia on [twitter/facebook/linkedin](http://twitter/facebook/linkedin).

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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1	6	5	8	3	9	2	7	4

Difficulty Level \*\*\*\*

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEM LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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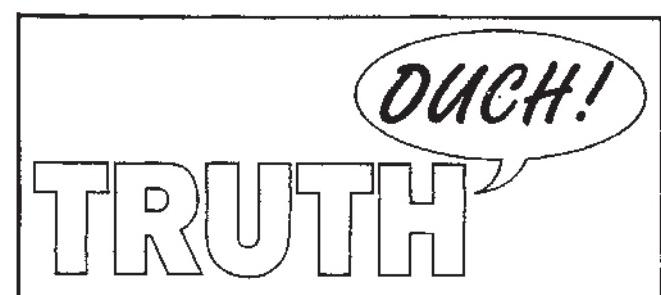
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# Cruz, Hardy power Orioles to 6-1 win over Yankees



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(AP)—Nel-

son Cruz hit his 23rd home run, J.J. Hardy connected for his first of the season and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees 6-1 Saturday after starter Bud Norris left with tightness in his groin.

Adam Jones and Steve Pearce also went deep against struggling soft-tosser Vidal Nuno, helping the Orioles rebound after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth inning of a 5-3 loss Friday night.

Cruz and Pearce each had a two-run shot. Hardy ended a drought of 339 at-bats that dated to last September.

Mark Teixeira hit his 12th home run for the Yankees, who had won four straight and eight of 10, but that was all they managed against Norris and three relievers.

During a pregame ceremony on the field, former New York first baseman Tino Martinez was honored with a plaque to be placed in Monument Park at Yankee Stadium.

## Twins 4, White Sox 3

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer hit a two-run double that just missed reaching the seats and Kevin Correia pitched a smooth six innings to help the Twins beat the White Sox for the third straight game.

Glen Perkins pitched another tenuous ninth inning but got his 19th save in 22 tries after giving up two runs to blow one the night before. Adam Eaton led off with a triple and scored on Gordon Beckham's sacrifice fly.

Pinch-hitter Paul Konerko then smacked a single up the middle, but Perkins struck out Jose Abreu and Adam Dunn to end it and punctuated the final swing and miss with a big pump of his left arm.

## Mariners 2, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, Dustin Ackley drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out ninth inning single as the Mariners beat the Royals.

Ackley's single to right on a 2-2 count scored Kyle Seager, who doubled with two outs to start the game-winning rally. Seager moved to third on Stefen Romero's infield single before Ackley's hit. Ackley is 5-for-10 off Jason Vargas (7-3), who took the loss.

Yoervis Medina (4-1) worked a flawless eighth, striking out two to pick up the victory. He has not allowed a run and only three hits in his past 10 outings, covering 10 1-3 innings. Fernando Rodney worked the ninth for his 20th save in 22 opportunities, getting Eric Hosmer to ground into a game ending double play.

## Reds 11, Blue Jays 1

In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce's hom-

er helped the Reds get ahead 8-0 for the second day in a row, and Mike Leake made this big lead stand up, pitching eight innings for a victory over the Blue Jays.

A day earlier, the Blue Jays pulled off the second-biggest comeback in their history. Down 8-0 after the second inning, they rallied to a 14-9 victory behind a pair of homers from Edwin Encarnacion.

The Reds got ahead 8-0 after four innings on Saturday against J.A. Happ (6-4), and the Blue Jays didn't have another big comeback in them. Leake (5-6) had a lot to do with it, allowing the Blue Jays only four hits, including Colby Rasmus' homer.

The Blue Jays are 9-5 all-time against the Reds, having won their four previous interleague series.

## Cardinals 4, Phillies 1

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday broke an eighth-inning tie with a double, and Adam Wainwright tossed eight strong innings to lead the Cardinals to a win over Philadelphia that snapped the Phillies' season-high five-game winning streak.

Holliday ripped a one-out double off Cole Hamels to bring in Matt Carpenter to make it 2-1. Carpenter started the rally with a leadoff walk.

Wainwright (10-3) allowed one run and six hits, struck out seven and didn't walk a batter for the Cardinals, who broke a three-game losing streak. Wainwright pitched on 10 days' rest after missing a start due to elbow tendinitis.

Trevor Rosenthal earned his 21st save in 24 attempts.

Hamels (2-4) gave up three runs and seven hits over 7 1-3 innings. He had a scoreless streak of 24 2-3 innings snapped on Matt Adams' second-inning sacrifice fly.

## Athletics 2, Red Sox 1, 10 innnings

In Oakland, California, Coco Crisp singled in Alberto Callaspo with one out in the 10th inning and the Athletics beat the Red Sox to extend their winning streak to five games.

Callaspo drew a leadoff walk against reliever Edward Mujica (2-3) and was sacrificed to second. Red Sox closer Koji Uehara replaced Mujica before Crisp lined his first pitch into right field. Boston right fielder Brock Holt made a strong throw but Callaspo slid home with the game-winner.

It's the second game-ending hit for Crisp this season and seventh of his career.

The A's have won the first three games of this four-game series by a total of four runs.

Boston was shut out for the first seven innings before Dustin Pedroia scored on a



Baltimore Orioles' Adam Jones, left, is greeted by Chris Davis after hitting a solo home run against the New York Yankees in the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, June 21, 2014, in New York.

wild pitch in the eighth.

## Rays 8, Astros 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Jake Odorizzi allowed one hit and struck out 10 while pitching into the eighth inning as the Rays beat the Astros.

Odorizzi (3-7) retired his first 10 batters before Jose Altuve's one-out infield single in the fourth that went off the pitcher's leg. The right-hander, who went 7 1/3 innings, won for just the second time in his last 14 starts.

Only one runner reached second base against Odorizzi, who walked two. Brad Boxberger and Kirby Yates completed the one-hitter.

Jake Buchanan (0-1) gave up five runs, eight hits and three walks over 4 1/3 innings in his major league debut.

## Mets 4, Marlins 0

In Miami, Jacob deGrom pitched seven scoreless innings to earn his first win for the Mets in a victory over the Marlins.

Lucas Duda hit a two-run home run, his 10th, and David Wright had three hits and an RBI for New York, which has won three of four.

It was the second shutout in the series for the Mets as Zack Wheeler tossed a 1-0 shutout on Thursday. For deGrom (1-4), who had been winless in first seven starts, it was finally a chance to celebrate. He struck out seven, allowed five hits and issued three walks.

Jeurys Familia pitched the eighth and Jenrry Mejia came in for the ninth to preserve the shutout.

Marlins starter Tom Koehler (5-6) retired the first 11 batters he faced before allowing two runs and four hits in seven innings while striking out eight.

## Brewers 9, Rockies 4

In Denver, Aramis Ramirez had three hits, including a solo homer, and Wily Peralta won

his fourth straight start as the Brewers beat the error-prone Rockies.

Carlos Gomez extended his hitting streak to 17 games to help the Brewers improve to 5-1 on their seven-game trip.

Peralta (8-5) went 7 2-3 solid innings and allowed four runs, three earned. He gave up a two-run single to Justin Morneau in the first and then shut down the league's best offense until Corey Dickerson's two-run homer in the sixth.

Christian Friedrich (0-1) lasted six innings and surrendered nine runs, four earned, in his season debut. He was betrayed by his defense as the Rockies committed a season-high four errors.

Friedrich is the 11th starting pitcher the Rockies have used this season.

## Nationals 3, Braves 0

In Washington, Doug Fister pitched eight shutout innings, and Anthony Rendon had three hits and two RBI for Washington in a rare win over Atlanta.

The Nationals took a half-game lead over Atlanta in the NL East after dropping the first two games in the series. Ryan Zimmerman also drove in a run.

Coming off his second loss of the season, Fister (6-2) allowed five hits—three over his final seven innings—with three strikeouts and one walk. Rafael Soriano earned his 16th save.

Rendon's RBI single in the third gave Washington its first lead of the series, and his run-scoring double in the seventh made it 3-0.

Atlanta's Julio Teheran (6-5) struck out a season-high 10 batters. The Braves had won five straight against the Nationals, seven of eight this season, and 20-7 since 2013.

Braves catcher Evan Gattis extended his major-league leading hitting streak to 20 games

with a sixth-inning single.

## Tigers 5, Indians 4, 10 innnings

In Cleveland, Miguel Cabrera doubled with one out in the 10th inning to drive in the go-ahead run and lift Detroit over Cleveland.

Ian Kinsler opened the inning with a single off Cody Allen (3-2). Following a sacrifice, Cabrera hit Allen's second pitch off the wall in left-center, scoring Kinsler.

Justin Verlander was one out away from winning for the only the second time in seven starts, but closer Joe Nathan (4-2) blew a save for the fifth time this season when Michael Bourn's tied it with a two-out single.

Phil Coke pitched the 10th for his first save.

Verlander allowed two runs in seven innings, and Rajai Davis and Kinsler homered in the sixth, giving Detroit a 4-2 lead.

## Pirates 5, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Josh Harrison homered and drove in three runs, leading Vance Worley and Pittsburgh to a rain-delayed victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Jordy Mercer went deep for the second straight day and Andrew McCutchen had a tie-breaking RBI single for Pittsburgh, which had lost four of five. Worley (1-0) pitched into the seventh inning for his first win with the Pirates.

Pittsburgh's Gregory Polanco extended his hit streak to 11 games, making him the first NL player to begin his major league career with such a run since Juan Pierre hit in 16 straight for Colorado in 2000.

Anthony Rizzo hit a two-run homer for Chicago, which had won four of five.

Travis Wood (7-6) allowed four hits, walked three and struck out four. The left-hander had won his last two starts.

## Dodgers 4, Padres 2

In San Diego, Josh Beckett pitched seven strong innings, and Hanley Ramirez drove in two runs to lift the Los Angeles Dodgers over San Diego.

Los Angeles, which collapsed in the ninth inning of a loss on Friday night, has won six of eight and nine of 12.

Beckett (5-4), in his first start against San Diego this year, allowed four hits and two walks. No Padres reached second base, and San Diego never had more than one runner on base at a time against Beckett.

Kenley Jansen pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his 21st save in 24 chances, one night after allowing three runs for the loss. Beckett continued his stellar work against NL West teams, tying a season-high with eight strikeouts and lowering his ERA to 1.40 against divisional foes.

Tyson Ross (6-7) worked seven innings and took the loss for San Diego.

## Angels 3, Rangers 2, 10 innnings

In Anaheim, California, Howie Kendrick hit an RBI double in the 10th inning to drive in the go-ahead run and lift Los Angeles Angels past Texas.

Josh Hamilton led off the 10th with an infield single against Neal Cotts (2-4), and Kendrick greeted Jason Frasor with a drive to the fence in left-center.

Mike Morin (1-1) pitched one inning for his first major league victory, striking out three and hitting a batter.

Anaheim's Jered Weaver allowed a run and four hits through eight innings, but Kevin Jepsen gave up a tying home run to Shin-Soo Choo in the ninth.

Nick Martinez allowed two runs and three hits in seven-plus innings for Texas after retiring his first 15 batters.

## Giants 6, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Tyler Colvin drove in three runs, and San Francisco snapped a season-high, six-game losing streak by beating Arizona.

Hunter Pence hit a towering solo home run to help Brandon McCarthy become the season's first 10-game loser.

Ryan Vogelsong (5-3) gave up four runs in five innings but got his first victory in four starts and only the second for the NL West-leading Giants in 11 games.

Aaron Hill, a .500 career hitter against Vogelsong, singled, doubled and drove two runs for the Diamondbacks.

McCarthy (1-10) allowed five runs and 10 hits in five innings. The 10 hits matched a season high.

After blowing his previous two opportunities, Sergio Romo escaped trouble in a scoreless ninth for his 21st save in 25 tries.

# Riley: Heat need to retool, not rebuild



**MIAMI** (AP)—Pat Riley walked into the room to begin his end-of-season availability annoyed, and armed with history.

There have been franchises that have enjoyed prolonged runs of greatness during his 45 years as a player, coach and executive in the NBA—the Lakers, Celtics, Bulls, Spurs and his Miami Heat among them—and Thursday Riley pointed out each shares a trait.

They all lost sometime.

"I think everybody," the Heat president said moments after smacking the table to begin the news conference, "needs to get a grip."

With that, Riley was off and running on a message-sending session that lasted nearly an hour. No players were there, but they surely heard his themes: He saw his team's mental fatigue during the year, but doesn't accept it; he isn't willing to let Miami fall from the ranks of the NBA elite, and the organization will do what it can to keep LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade together.

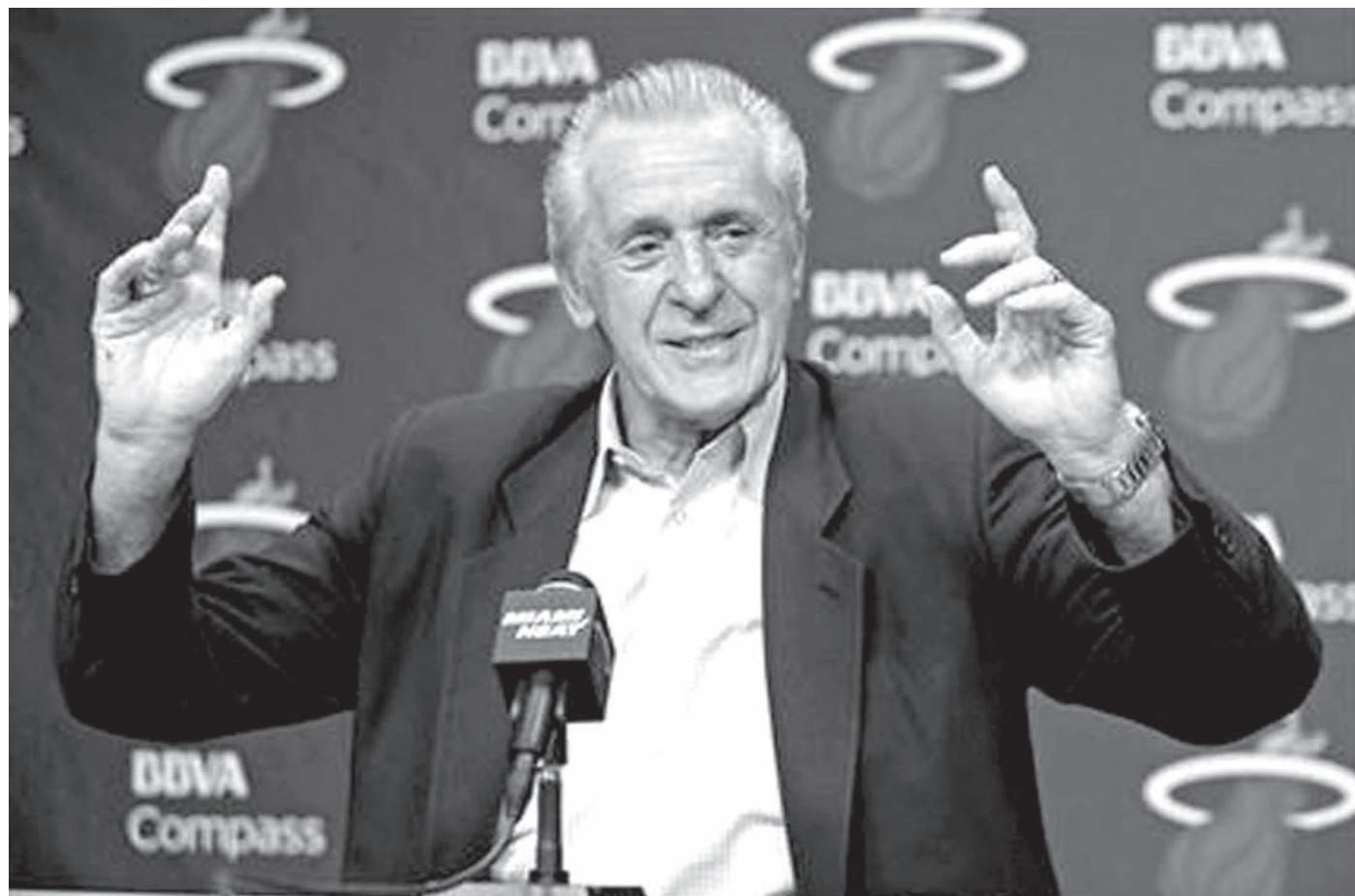
"We have a tremendous opportunity here for long-term success," Riley said. "Don't think we're not going to get beat again, so just get a grip, everybody. That's my message. It's my message to the players, also."

It was one of his many messages.

Riley, who gets a reported \$75,000 when hired to deliver motivational speeches, worked in anecdotes on everything from sipping Johnnie Walker Blue to playing James Ingram records to how even at 69 years old he still finds himself dreaming big.

He was speaking with reporters, but clearly talking to players through the cameras.

"You've got to stay together, if you've got the guts," Riley said. "You don't find the first door and run out of it if you have an opportunity. This is four years now into this era, this team. Four finals—it's only been done three other times before—and two championships. From day one to the end, it was like a Broadway show. It sort of ran out of



Then Riley and the Heat spring into action on July 1, just as they did four years ago when they netted James, Bosh and Wade. Other than Norris Cole, no Heat player currently is locked into a fully guaranteed deal for next season. But Riley doesn't feel the Heat need to recruit current players again.

"We're prepared," Riley said. "We've got the main-themed book all written up and it's dependent on whatever the scenario we're presented with on July 1. We've got a lot of room for flexibility. There's a tremendous amount of flexibility depending on what happens. So we're ready."

He offered plenty of perspective on Thursday, about how he still feels like he choked away what should have been a title for the Lakers team he coached in 1984, but how they roared back with three titles in the next four seasons. He even referenced how San Antonio got much better this season after seeing a title in 2013 get taken away by Miami in dramatic fashion.

"What happened last year with San Antonio? Did they run? They faced it," Riley said. "They faced it and they came back, and we saw the result. We'll find out what we're made of here. It's not about options. It's not about free agency. It's about what we have built over four years here."

Among Riley's more impassioned defenses was the one of Wade, who was widely criticized for both missing 28 games in the regular season—mainly part of a maintenance program laid out by the team—and for struggling in Games 4 and 5 of the NBA Finals.

"For the last 10 years, this has been a Dwyane Wade-driven thing," Riley said. "Now does he have to reinvent himself a little bit? Absolutely."

Riley can only hope that reinvention is in Miami, and that James and Bosh are there as well.

"I'm an Irish guy who believes in big dreams," Riley said. "I'm optimistic. Until that's proven different, I just have a level of optimism that there isn't a better place for players to be than Miami."

Miami Heat president Pat Riley gestures during an end of season NBA basketball news conference, Thursday, June 19, 2014, in Miami.

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steam. And we need to retool. We don't need to rebuild."

How to retool is the question, but the answer isn't up to Riley yet.

James, Bosh and Wade all need to decide if they're going to opt out of their contracts, a choice that was probably going to be complicated even if the

Heat hadn't lost the NBA Finals to San Antonio, ending Miami's two-year reign as league champions. From those decisions, Heat free-agents-to-be—Ray

Allen, Mario Chalmers, Chris Andersen and others—may start charting their futures. Players from other teams will listen as well.

## Top NBA prospect Embiid has foot fracture

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Kansas center Joel Embiid is scheduled to have surgery Friday to repair a stress fracture in his right foot, a stunning development that could affect the top choices in next week's NBA draft.

Embiid, one of the top three candidates the Cleveland Cavaliers were considering for the No. 1 overall pick, fractured the navicular bone in his right foot, agent Arn Tellem said Thursday. Embiid will be unable to participate in any additional workouts and will not attend the draft in New York.

Prior to the injury, Embiid was widely considered to be the front-runner to be taken by the Cavaliers. The versatile 7-footer had a jaw-drop-

ping freshman season with the Jayhawks, averaging 11.2 points and 8.1 rebounds while blocking 72 shots to earn Big 12 defensive player of the year honors.

His combination of nimble feet, powerful athleticism and the soft touch on his jumper prompted comparisons to Hakeem Olajuwon, the former Houston great who led the Rockets to two NBA titles in the 1990s. Embiid impressed teams and scouts during workouts in California earlier this month, helping him show he was fully recovered from a stress fracture in his back that caused him to miss the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments.

Embiid worked out for the Cavaliers last week. Fellow Kansas star Andrew Wiggins worked out for the Cavs

on Wednesday while Duke's Jabari Parker was expected to audition for the top pick on Friday.

Exactly when Embiid injured his foot was not immediately clear, but the combination of last season's back injury and this summer's foot injury could give some teams pause on draft night. Now what seemed to be a sure-fire selection in the top three picks, if not the first overall, could turn into a mini-slide down the draft board if some teams worry about taking a player with a history of injuries.

That could open the door for swingman Wiggins or Parker to jump into the top spot. Even though the Cavs do have Kyrie Irving as one of the focal points of the team, Australian point guard

Dante Exum is another candidate who could surprise and be picked first overall.

Parker is described by scouts as the most NBA-ready player in the draft, a moniker that could appeal to the Cavs as they look to solidify a young roster that missed the playoffs for the last four seasons.

The Milwaukee Bucks pick second and the Philadelphia 76ers are third while the Orlando Magic, who have promising young center Nikola Vucevic, pick fourth. If the Utah Jazz, who have Enes Kanter and Derrick Favors as part of a young front-court, pass on Embiid with the fifth pick, it would be hard to imagine him getting by Boston at No. 6 or the Los Angeles Lakers at No. 7.

## Ryan Moore leads Travelers Championship

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(AP)—Ryan

Moore is in contention in the Travelers Championship—again.

Moore had an eagle and two birdies Saturday in a bogey-free 4-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Aaron Baddeley into the final round.

"This is a tournament I really want to win and I know it's a tournament I can win," said

Moore, who has four top-10 finishes in eight starts in the event.

The 31-year-old Moore had a 13-under 197 total at TPC River Highlands after opening with rounds of 63 and 68. He won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia at the start of the season in October for his third PGA Tour title.

"Today was a great example of 'It doesn't have to be pretty' to shoot a great golf score," Moore said. "I honestly didn't feel great all day hitting the ball, but drove it well enough to kind

of keep myself out of trouble."

Moore eagled the par-5 sixth, holing a 37-foot putt from just off the green, to take the lead early in the afternoon. He has made one eagle in each of his three rounds this week.

The eagle on No. 6 was something of a lucky break, Moore says, as his drive was off target.

"I hit it right off the tee, quite a bit right and straight into the trees, which is not a good place to be, and obviously walking up I did not think I was going

to have a shot at all," Moore said. "Just planned on pitching out almost sideways with the way the rough is. And apparently got a really good bounce and chased way down the cart path, and I was actually still sitting on the edge of the cart path and I was only maybe 230 yards out. So it had gotten pretty far down there."

Moore chipped in for a birdie on No. 11 to move to 12 under and break a four-way tie for the lead.

No one who has held a share of the third-round lead has won the Travelers since Stew-

art Cink in 2008.

Baddeley had six birdies and a bogey in a 65.

"Around here you feel like you should birdie every hole. There are a lot of birdie holes out there," said Baddeley, the Australian who won the last of his three PGA Tour titles in 2011. "But you have to be patient."

Sergio Garcia, K.J. Choi, Scott Langley and Michael Putnam were tied for third at 11 under. Garcia had a 65, Choi shot 69, Langley 70 and Putnam 69.

Garcia has five top-10 fin-

ishes in nine PGA Tour starts this season, and won the European Tour's Qatar Masters in January.

"It's been a solid season so far," Garcia said. "There's no question I'd like to have played better at the Masters and last week (at the U.S. Open)."

Masters champion Bubba Watson was nine strokes back after a 67. He won in 2010 at River Highlands.

Former Stanford star Patrick Rodgers, making his pro debut, was 4 under after a 71.

Defending champion Ken Duke was 2 under after a 71.

# SFA fishing tourney set for next month



*Hannah Maria, Carmelita, Victoria, Wahine V, Boni. Are these the names of famous women?*

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Add *Reina Kai, Cindy Lou, Gloria, Bella, and Fiona* are also on the list. Include *Charlie Cat, Blu By U, My Lady Gora, and Luka Ben* which were SFA tournament champions, and *Emmanuel*, a worthy competitor from Guam, and the record-holder

in the marlin category with its whopping 942-pounder reeled in July 2012. About 10 boats are expected to arrive from Guam for the 2014 Saipan International Fishing Tournament scheduled for July 19 and 20.

The *Botin Saba* was the 2013 winner of the mahi category, while the *Here Fishee*

*Fishee*, captained by Takade Nakazato, all alone on a 14-footer, reeled in a 45-lb yellow fin tuna, winning first place in that category.

Then there are *Ampa Boys, 2 Sisters, Bunita, Mahal, Close Enough*, a lot of love went into the naming of these boats. How about *Saint James, Saint Patrick, Santa Primiti-*

*va? A little divine intervention never hurt anyone. Consider Jesse Boy, Cindy Lou, and Justin, the eldest child or favorite grandchildren?*

Throw in *Joker, Soul Mates, Pastime III, Da Atta Girl, Lil Tighten, Sweet Candy, Zeppelin, Showtime, Olympic Will, and Tweety Bird* into the picture and one can't help but admire the

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Which boat and captain will be the SFA champion of the 30th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament? Find out for yourself. Game on, Peskadot! (SFA)

## ALI'I

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off Demapan's feed from mid-court and was awarded a bonus free throw, as Raymond Olopai was called for a technical foul for shouting at the former on the way for the shot. Mendoza made the extra free throw and with Ali'i still holding possession off Olopai's infraction, the Marianas High School standout made another and-1 play, this time driving from the right wing and drawing another foul from Olopai. Mendoza completed the 3-point play, bringing Ali'i's lead back to double digits, 72-61, with less than a minute left.

I Love Saipan refused to give up and moved within 7

points off Gyles Ruluked's free throws and Mike Olaitiman's layup, but Mendoza went 2-for-2 from the foul line on the other end to seal it for Ali'i, with 16 seconds remaining on the clock.

Ali'i was in control of the one-game title match all night, notwithstanding I Love Saipan's repeated comeback bids and preventing the latter from making 3-pointers. I Love Saipan had only one triple, courtesy of Olaitiman, who finished with 13 hard-earned points. In its finals berth-clinching win over Flip Top last Wednesday, I Love Saipan hit 12 triples, six of them came from Olaitiman.

Ben Pelisamen and White Capalad nailed three and two treys, respectively, against

Flip Top, and none in the all-important match versus Ali'i. Capalad was held to 4 points, while Pelisamen was scoreless and had limited attempts from beyond the arc, as I Love Saipan opted to go down low either to Ruluked or Sharry.

Ruluked had a lot of success and even scored a game-high 26 points, but his and Sharry's inside game took away I Love Saipan's potent outside shooting. The two big men went on to struggle in the paint late in the game, as Ali'i ganged up on them and did a good job rotating back on defense to other I Love Saipan players to prevent the spot-up shooters from having an open look for the long shots.

With I Love Saipan's shooters either gun shy or missing

their attempts in the first half, Ali'i turned a manageable lead, 26-22, to a double-digit spread 39-28, with Raymond Velasco scoring the team's last 6 points in the first half.

In the second half, I Love Saipan spent its energy fighting back and cut the lead to as low as 4, 59-63, but Velasco converted an alley-oop play off an inbound pass from Demapan down the baseline to give Ali'i more cushion. Velasco's heads-up play came with the 24-second shot clock ticking and after his earlier layup was swatted away by Ruluked.

Ruluked and company continued to mount a comeback going into the last two minutes of the match, but Mendoza reported back for duty and delivered the telling blows in the end.

Meanwhile, Flip Top hammered Gwab Gang in the battle for third place, 108-80.

Ferick Aguon led Flip Top with a season-high 52 points. He got a lot of open looks from downtown and drained seven triples. The rest of Flip Top players also had a feast from beyond the arc to rout Gwab Gang.

## First Game

*Flip Top 108 – Aguon 52, Quitugua 21, Sablan 15, Jung 12, Isip 6.*

## Tribune Sports Scores

### MLB STANDING

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	42	34	.553	—
New York	39	34	.534	1 1/2
Baltimore	38	35	.521	2 1/2
Boston	34	41	.453	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	30	46	.395	12

##### Central Division

Detroit	39	32	.549	—
Kansas City	39	35	.527	1 1/2
Cleveland	37	38	.493	4
Minnesota	35	38	.479	5
Chicago	35	40	.467	6

##### West Division

Oakland	47	28	.627	—
Los Angeles	40	33	.548	6
Seattle	39	36	.520	8
Texas	35	39	.473	11 1/2
Houston	33	43	.434	14 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Washington	38	35	.521	—
Atlanta	38	36	.514	1 1/2
Miami	37	37	.500	4
Philadelphia	34	39	.466	4
New York	34	41	.453	5

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	46	30	.605	—
St. Louis	40	35	.533	5 1/2
Cincinnati	36	37	.493	8 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	38	.486	9
Chicago	31	41	.431	13

##### West Division

San Francisco	44	30	.595	—
Los Angeles	41	35	.539	4
Colorado	34	40	.459	10
San Diego	32	43	.427	12 1/2
Arizona	32	46	.410	14

### TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

**CROMWELL, Connecticut (AP) —** Scores Saturday from the Travelers Championship, a US PGA Tour event at 6,841-yard, par-70 TPC River Highlands:

#### Third Round

Ryan Moore	63-68-66	—197
Aaron Baddeley	67-66-65	—198
Sergio Garcia	65-69-65	—199
K.J. Choi	65-65-69	—199
Scott Langley	64-65-70	—199
Michael Putnam	67-63-69	—199
Kevin Streelman	69-68-64	—201
Nick Watney	70-66-65	—201
Carl Pettersson	68-67-66	—201

Wes Roach

Vaughn Taylor

Graham DeLaet

Billy Mayfair

Seung-Yul Noh

Troy Merritt

Bo Van Pelt

Kevin Stadler

Camilo Villegas

James Hahn

Andrew Svoboda

67-70-76 —215

67-71-77 —215

67-71-71 —209

67-71-71 —209

67-71-71 —209

67-71-71 —209

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# 21st Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun

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Runners head out to the course during last Saturday's 21st Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun.



Marie Sablan smiles for the camera on her way to Quartermaster Road for the turnaround of the 7K race.



Jesse James leads the breakaway group and is joined by Seiya Eda, center, and Charlie Sendin.



Barefoot runner Chang Whang Jang is accompanied by Ariel Lansangan, Cesar Danao, and Nathaniel Eugenio along Beach Road.



Three young runners head back to the start/finish line via Beach Road.



A mother runs along with her two daughters.



Runners pass by the Hafadai Beach Hotel.



The second wave of runners head out to the course.



A small group of runners takes time coasting along Beach Road.

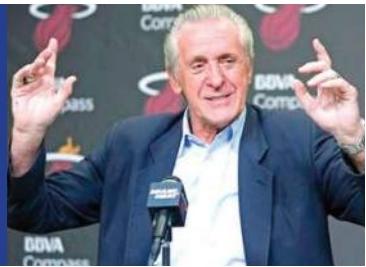


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# Ali'i rules DLX/IT&E caging



**ROSELYN B. MONROYO**  
Ali'i players pose with the trophies they collected at the awards ceremony of the DLX/IT&E caging, including the championship trophy they won against I Love Saipan after a 74-65 victory in their title game last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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REPORTER

**A**li'i notched the championship trophy in the DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League, following a 74-65 victory against I Love Saipan in the winner-take-all finals last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Kobee Mendoza top-scored for Ali'i with 23 points, including the team's last 8 points. He returned to the floor at the 1:56 mark of the fourth quarter with I Love Saipan making one final stand, behind by only 5, 61-66, and with possession. A Larry Sharry muffed

a reverse layup gave the ball back to Ali'i, which pushed the leather to its frontcourt and with I Love Saipan yet to set its defense, Bart Demapan spotted Mendoza cutting from the left wing. Mendoza converted the shot

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A total of 121 runners joined last Saturday's 21st Annual Tom Picarро Memorial Fun Run.

Jess James led the finishers in the event also dubbed as Silver Streak Fun Run, completing the longest race of the day (7K) in 25:39. James surpassed the winning time of 2013 No. 1 overall finisher Nathaniel Eugenio (30:08). James was in the

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Runners cruise along Beach Road during last Saturday's 21st Annual Tom Picarро Memorial Fun Run.

## Messi scores winner, Klose ties Ronaldo's record

By MIKE CORDER  
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**RIO DE JANEIRO** (AP)—Miroslav Klose scored a World Cup goal for the record books. Lionel Messi grabbed a late winner to put Argentina into the round of 16.

Nigeria eliminated Bosnia-Herzegovina from its first World Cup with a 1-0 win, with Peter



Odemwingie's first-half goal getting the African champions closer to the knockout stage.

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Germany's Miroslav Klose does a back flip as he celebrates scoring his side's second goal during the group G World Cup soccer match between Germany and Ghana at the Arena Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil, Saturday, June 21, 2014.